

Director, FBI

November 18, 1947

SAC, Albany

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (membership)
District #2, Albany Field Division
Internal Security - C
Bureau file 100-3-68

In connection with the 1948 registration drive presently being put on by the Communist Party, it has been ascertained by a confidential source of information who has access to Party headquarters, 576 O'Neill Building, Binghamton, New York, and whose identity is known to an agent of this office, that ROBERT C. JOHNSTON, Party organizer, Southern Section, New York State has 1948 membership cards, to be made out and distributed, numbering from 1424 through 1453. It has also been ascertained that JOHNSTON has information cards, which bear corresponding numbers to the membership cards, which request the following information. The following is the physical layout of the information cards.

1947 Card No.	1948 Card No.	NO. (this number printed on card)							
Club County	Section State								
Man	Woman	Negro	White	Employed	Unemployed	Self-employed	Housewife	Age	Time in Party
Trade or occupation									
Industry					Number of workers in shop				
Are you a member of a Union Yes No CIO AF of L					Ind.				
Give name and number of Union local									
Are you a veteran Yes No World War II					War I Spanish				
Were you a party member before military service in War II					Yes No				
National origin of self or parents									
What mass organizations are you a member of									
Are you a Daily Worker club subscriber Yes No			Do you subscribe to the Worker Yes No			Do you read Political Affairs Yes No			

According to [redacted] the information for the above cards is supplied by the registrant at the time he is registered and is put on the card bearing the correspondent number of his membership card.

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Letter to Director, FBI

November 18, 1947

The Informant did not know what disposition is made of the information card by JOHNSTON. Informant stated further that he was sure that JOHNSTON had a greater number of cards than those found in the headquarters, inasmuch as the Southern Tier has a membership of approximately 179.

There is no further information available concerning registration in the Southern Tier Section at the present time.

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cc-New York
Buffalo

NEW YORK, NY
NOV. 21, 1947.

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CP, USA, SECURITY MEASURES; ISC. [REDACTED] REPORTS

THAT A UNKNOWN BRONX COUNTY CP CLUB SENT OUT TO ALL ITS MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENT DATED NOV. SEVEN, FORTYSEVEN TO THE EFFECT THAT REGISTRATION FOR NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN A CAR PARKED NEAR AN UNDESIGNATED SCHOOL ON NOV. ELWEN BETWEEN ELEVEN AND TWO PM. ACCORDING TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, THE FORTYSEVEN MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH DUES COMPLETELY PAID HAD TO BE TURNED IN AT THAT TIME AND NO FORTYEIGHT MEMBERSHIP CARD WOULD BE ISSUED UNLESS THE OLD ONE WAS TURNED IN. LETTER FOLLOWS.

SCHEIDT

cc: 100-80638 ✓

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100-80638-117

October 21, 1947

EXCERPT FROM
SAC LETTER NO. 138
Series 1947

(D) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C -- The 1948 registration campaign of the Communist Party will be held from November 1 to December 31, 1947. The registration of Communist Party members is scheduled as follows:

1. From November 1 to November 15, to register all actives, those who attend club meetings and participate in club activities.
2. From November 15 to December 1, to register the majority of the membership, with each club showing for itself a minimum of 75 per cent registration.
3. December 1 to December 31, to complete the registration by cleaning up the balance of the membership.

The Detroit Office has advised that Communist Party District Seven membership material will be handled in the following fashion, which may represent the procedure followed in other Districts.

The registration cards will be furnished to the individuals assigned to registration duties in the various clubs with these individuals furnishing the registration cards to the membership and arranging for them to be filled out completely. Upon completion, the registration cards are to be returned to the individuals so charged. A mimeographed master list will be set up which will bear the name, address and number of the registration card used for the particular members.

From the registration card and master list a membership card for each individual member will then be filled out and will be distributed to the individual member. As soon as the membership cards are filled out the master list and the registration cards must be destroyed. Before they are destroyed a master tabulation sheet which will include union affiliation, sex of members, race, nationality, and other detailed data will be compiled from the registration cards. This tabulation sheet is to be forwarded to the National Headquarters and as far as is known this will be the only record furnished to the National Office of membership data for District Seven.

Specific instructions have been issued that no master list should be maintained although there has been an indication that possibly some form of control will be established whereby a reference list will be available to the organizational secretary of District Seven.

The above information is being brought to the attention of all Field Divisions inasmuch as it is the Bureau's desire that during the months of November, December, and early January, each office should attempt to perfect arrangements to obtain a complete capitulation of Communist Party membership. Each Field Division should bear in mind the growing security consciousness on the part of the Party and its awareness of the value of these lists to the FBI.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE	
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DIRECTOR, FBI

November 20, 1947

SAC, MILWAUKEE

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau File #100-3-68

The following is a summary of a written report furnished
by [redacted] on November 20, 1947:

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On November 18, 1947 Informant telephonically contacted FRANK JONES, Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Communist Party of Wisconsin, and asked for advice concerning the signing of affidavits under the Taft Hartley Act. Informant had made this request pursuant to instructions of Agents of this office. JONES refused to talk about the matter over the telephone. On November 19, 1947 FRANK JONES visited Informant at Informant's house and at that time took out a brown index card, which he tore up in front of the Informant, with the statement that now he was no longer a member of the Communist Party and could sign affidavits under the Taft Hartley Act. FRANK JONES then produced a white card upon which he noted the Informant's name, his age, his union local number, the number of members in his union, and the time that he was in the Communist Party. JONES advised Informant that he could make donations to the Party of the same amount as the dues that he had been paying for membership and that he could destroy his membership card. Informant asked JONES if a special system had been set up with regard to handling such donations but JONES told him that nothing special had been set up because it involved only a few Party members who are officers of unions and have to sign affidavits under the Taft Hartley Act.

FRANK JONES said that the same thing had been done with the officers at Allis Chalmers which was the reason why the Allis Chalmers Union 248, U.A.W., C.I.O. had announced that they were signing the affidavits. It is noted that the Milwaukee newspapers for November 19, 1947 carry the statement by ROBERT PETER, President of local 248, U.A.W., C.I.O. that officers of this union were signing the affidavits.

At the time of his visit with Informant, FRANK JONES was apparently making visits to other Party members inasmuch as he had in his possession several other brown index cards similar to the one which he tore up before the Informant. Informant was unable to see what was on the brown index card and FRANK JONES took the torn pieces of Informant's card along with him.

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cc - New York

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New York, New York

November 29, 1947

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Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
SECURITY MEASURES
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-84

Dear Sir:

Remytel November 21, 1947, [redacted] made available on November 12, 1947 a mimeographed letter dated November 7, 1947 to "Dear Comrade" reflecting, in part, that re-registration would be held in "Joe's cars" which would "be parked near school on Monday, November 11, between 1 and 2 o'clock. At this time you will turn in you old party cards with dues completely paid." The letter, signed by one RUMI, membership Director, makes reference to 1093 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York which is believed to be in the Morrisania Section, CP.

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Names of ARNOLD MARCUS and ALBERT DINNERSTEIN, contained in reference letter, are being indexed in the NY office.

The original document is being maintained as an exhibit in NY file 100-81338.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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cc 100-80638 ✓
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100-26603-C321

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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo 2, New York

100-859E

December 1, 1947

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Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File 100-3-68)

Dear Sir:

[redacted] informed this office that at a Western New York Sub-District Board meeting at Communist Party Headquarters in Buffalo, New York, on November 26, 1947 NORMAN ROSS (New York Upstate Communist Party Coordinator) furnished the following figures on the registration of the Communist Party in this area to date:

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Rochester, New York	52 registered out of 139
Syracuse, New York	88 registered out of 100
Binghamton, New York	90 registered out of 180
Buffalo, New York	170 registered, which, he said, was about 40 percent.
Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda, N.Y.	26 registered, 2 of which were in Tonawanda.

ROSS stated, informant reported, this was about 413 registered for the Sub-District, which was less than 50 percent of the total. He remarked they should agree to finish the registration by December 5th. Informant reported ROSS gave the following percentages on the registration to date:

Binghamton	50 percent
Niagara Falls and Tonawanda	finished
Buffalo	40 percent
Rochester	45 percent
Syracuse	60 percent.

ROSS added Buffalo had 230 to register yet. He went on to say they had 334 members on the books and they had agreed to recruit enough members to bring it up to 400. He went on to say that Rochester and Binghamton had about 100 people together. Syracuse had 40, he added. With a total of 415 to be registered, ROSS remarked this was 50 percent of the Sub-District.

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Letter to Director, FBI
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

December 1, 1947

This is being submitted in accordance with SAC Letter
159, dated July 30, 1947.

Very truly yours

U. G. MAYNER,
Special Agent in Charge

JML:CB
cc - New York ✓
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100-1379

Communist Registration Off to a Good Start

By Henry Winston

National Organizational Secretary, Communist Party

The Hitler-like attempt of reaction to cancel out American democratic liberties, to prevent the unification of the ranks of labor and progressive forces to find channels of expression and action in the form of an independent ticket in 1948, as well as efforts to weaken the moral fiber of Communists is resulting in the very opposite.

The facts show that despite the Wall Street-inspired and directed campaign of "anti-Communism" millions are being awakened on various fronts of struggle to meet this challenge. This mood which embraces millions reflects itself within the Communist Party by the response of the membership to the annual registration which has progressed so far at an unprecedented rate. Indeed, we have every reason to be proud of the manner in which Communists respond to their posts of service to the people in this hour when leadership presents itself as the paramount need for the millions who seek guidance.

More than 65 percent of our members have registered. This does not as yet include a number of districts which have not reported, and some who have not turned in their latest figures from the week-end effort. The districts that are especially outstanding are: Iowa 90 percent, Connecticut 80 percent, West Virginia 75 percent, New York 75 percent, California 70 percent and Wisconsin 70 percent. The bulk of the C. P. districts organizations, though not yet reaching the high point of the above district have registered 62 percent to 68 percent of their members.

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What do these figures show thus far? In the first place, a recognition of the responsibility of Communists in the light of the new situation and new tasks faced by labor and the people. Second, involvement of top cadres of the Party giving leadership by example with a well planned and directed campaign to

complete the registration. Third, the fact that serious beginnings have been made towards better functioning Communist clubs and improved ties with the membership. What this shows, furthermore, is that registration is proceeding at a faster pace than at any previous period in the history of the Party. In the past, registration would drag out for four or five months. Today the opportunity exists for completing the registration in less than half the time.

These developments must be strengthened in every way. While these positive aspects of our registration should be noted there is every need to point up the fact that during the past week a slowdown process has set in.

This "slowdown" pace is due to two factors: First, that a large portion of the unregistered are to be found in the category of members who were not fully integrated into Party life, and secondly, the holidays. Even though we are one and one-half months ahead of schedule it would be incorrect to think in terms of letting the registration drag out. Every effort should be made to establish new political and organizational standards for our Party. This can be done if our energies are directed during and through the holidays to complete this task during the first week in January. This would mean that our Party as a whole can direct all of its energies outward to face the many complex mass problems facing our people in 1948.

This registration shows that we will exceed the registration of last year and register in many districts and nationally substantial growth. The percentage of growth will depend upon what is done from now

on in. Let the results of our effort be growth by every club, section, county and district. Let us complete the task during the first week of January and gear the Party to its historical task.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

January 6, 1948
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Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.**
MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is information obtained by [redacted] on ~~November 10-1947~~ from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

The original exhibit is being retained in the files of the New York Office.

Description of exhibit;

See Enc 1553

Three page mimeographed bulletin analyzing the Party Building Drive and several reasons for its failure to meet quotas. Photostat has been furnished to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge



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400 U. S. COURT HOUSE
BUFFALO 2, NEW YORK

January 14, 1948

Director, FBI

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

[redacted] informed this office that on January 6, 1948, registration figures were given at a Western New York Sub District CP Board meeting, held at headquarters in Buffalo. The informant reported the following registration figures:

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Syracuse	65
Rochester	111
Southern Tier (including Binghamton, Spencer and Triple Cities)	170
Niagara Falls	30
Buffalo	250
Jamestown	20

It was stated that the total was out of 850 to be registered.

This is being submitted in accordance with SAC Letter No. 99, dated July 30, 1947.

Very truly yours,

JRM:MD
100-4379

H. G. MAYNOR
SAC

cc: New York City
Albany

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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 24, 1948.

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
BUREAU FILE #100-3-68

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On December 31, 1947, [redacted] a highly confidential source, furnished four copies of a printed sheet entitled "Instructions for Carrying Through the 1947-48 Party Registration". This sheet indicates that it was issued by the National Organization Department.

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According to the informant, the sheets were obtained from the possession of CONNIE BART, District #3, Communist Party, USA Membership Director.

This instruction sheet contains nothing novel in the way of instructions to Party Registrars.

Although it is known to this office that CONNIE BART requested that a supply of these forms be furnished to her by the National Communist Party, USA Office, no information has been received that they were distributed to registrars or put to any other use in this district.

[redacted] advised that as far as he was able to ascertain, no such distribution had been made.

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One copy of this sheet is being enclosed herewith to the Bureau and one copy to New York. The remaining copies are being retained as exhibits in the Philadelphia file.

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CC: New York (Enc.)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 New York, New York

January 28, 1948

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 MEMBERSHIP
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On January 14, 1948, Lieutenant W. G. PRESTON, C.I.C., First Army Headquarters, Governors Island, New York, appeared at the New York Office where he was interviewed by SA's WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT and RUSSELL S. GARNER.

Lieutenant PRESTON requested information as to the number of Communists residing in the First Army district and also the number of Communist Party districts embracing the First Army district.

In accordance with instructions from SA MARCHESSAULT the writer furnished the following information to Lieutenant PRESTON:

That six Communist Party districts embrace the First Army district and that the approximate Communist Party membership within the First Army district is as follows:

New York City	29,000
New England:	1,650
Maine	35
New Hampshire	25
Vermont	50
Massachusetts	540
Rhode Island	100
Connecticut	900
New Jersey	1975
Delaware	165

RUSSELL S. GARNER, SA

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Director, FBI

January 28, 1948

SAC, Philadelphia

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
DISTRICT #3 - MEMBERSHIP ✓
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau File 100-3-68

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There is enclosed herewith one photostatic copy each to the Bureau and to New York of a four page mimeographed memorandum bearing the statement that it was issued by the District Membership Department, Eastern Pennsylvania Communist Party. This memorandum is captioned "Plan of Work for Membership Directors" and presents a plan of work for the period between August 1, 1947 and October 15, 1947. It was obtained by Special Agent FRED C. BIRKBY through a confidential trash cover maintained on District #3, Communist Party, USA, Headquarters, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the original is being retained in the Philadelphia file on this case.

While there does not appear to be anything novel in its content, the memorandum sets out a concise statement of the part a Membership Director is expected to play in the functioning of the Party.

Paragraph C on Page 2, which sets out the responsibility of the Membership Director to have detailed knowledge of the activities of the individual members, and Paragraph F on Page 3, relating to maintenance of uniform record systems, appeared to be of particular interest.

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Enclosure

cc: New York (Enclosure)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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SAC LETTER NO. 24
Series 1948

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

February 13, 1948

FILE No.

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	BUFFALO	KANSAS CITY	NORFOLK	SAN FRANCISCO
	BUTTE	KNOXVILLE	OKLAHOMA CITY	SAN JUAN
	CHARLOTTE	LITTLE ROCK	OMAHA	SAVANNAH
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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; REPORTING OF INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS AN ORGANIZATION

This SAC Letter supersedes all previous instructions with regard to reporting on the Communist Party as an organization.

Each office is herewith directed to submit a report on the pertinent Communist Party activities in its respective division from the date of the last investigative report up to and including December 31, 1947. This report should be submitted to the Bureau prior to February 28, 1948. It should contain only information of a selected nature which is necessary to give a clear, complete and accurate picture of the Communist Party activities in each division for the period indicated. These reports should follow the suggested outline set forth hereinafter.

Each office is herewith further instructed to submit a report on the Communist Party activities reaching the Bureau on or before April 20 covering the first three months of 1948. Likewise reports will be due July 20, October 20 and January 20, 1949, each report covering the preceding three-month period.

The recent coverage of the semi-underground operations of the Party by all field offices proved the value of having all offices reporting simultaneously on the same period of Party operations. The reports, therefore, will serve to keep the Bureau, as well as other interested agencies of the Government, through our dissemination procedures, currently advised on a more

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full and complete basis as to the activities of the Communist Party during a particular period.

The Bureau desires that all offices follow the breakdown set forth hereinafter in preparing their reports. In every instance each sub-file caption of the breakdown should begin a separate page. This is desired so that the Bureau can utilize one of the five copies forwarded to the Bureau to be disassembled according to the sub-file caption. Each separate section will then be placed in the appropriate Bureau sub-file relating to that breakdown. The sub-file will then give a picture of the Communist Party activities throughout the United States in that particular field. Many offices, because of the extent of Communist Party activities, may desire to follow the same practice with one copy of their report. It will be necessary that the Bureau be furnished with five legible copies, otherwise they will be returned for retyping.

Long wordy reports are not desired. Newspaper articles, speeches, informant reports, etc., should not be set out verbatim except where obviously necessary. The report due April 20, since it is the initial report under the new reporting procedure, will necessarily contain basic information which in future reports, it will only be necessary to supplement as changes take place.

The reports should be entitled as in the past, as follows:

"Communist Party - USA
District No.
Office
Internal Security - C"

The synopsis should be prepared in a manner which will reflect a concise picture of the Communist Party activities reported for the three-month period.

The details of the report should be organized so that all pertinent activities will be reported according to their nature within the appropriate section as follows:

ORGANIZATION
(Bureau file 100-3-69)

A. Structure and physical set up of District and/or State organization. The office covering the District Headquarters in the initial report due April 20, 1948, should describe the territory covered by the Communist Party District, the population, the location and size of the Communist Party office facilities, rent, and the name and number of office employees.

B. Identity and short biographic data of the principal District officials including the Chairman, Secretary and other paid and/or important functionaries

SAC LETTER NO 24
Series 1948
2-13-48

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau file 100-3-68)

A. Total number of Communist Party members in the district. This total should be broken down as to nationality, race, sex, employment, veterans, and membership in unions, wherever possible.

B. The results of any recruiting drives.

C. Discreet efforts should be taken to ascertain the results of the annual national reregistration drives.

When forwarding lists of names of Communists and Communist sympathizers by letter for indexing in connection with the Loyalty Program, these lists should be captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT _____, _____ DIVISION,

INTERNAL SECURITY - C." rather than placing under instant caption.

Any substantial changes in membership figures or District policy relating to membership should be promptly brought to the attention of the Bureau.

In the event no new information is developed after the April 20 report in any ensuing period concerning any of the above categories, it will be only necessary to make the statement under each subheading, on a separate page, "No pertinent information developed during the period of this report."

The New York Office should continue to report separately on any national committee plenum meetings, national training schools or other important national meetings of special interest to the Bureau and other offices. The New York Office report under this reporting system applies to the activities of District 2.

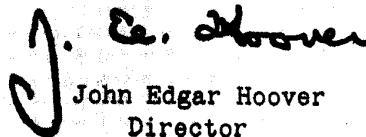
Obviously, as in the case of any investigative report, the source of every item of information, the date, the place and any pertinent attendant circumstances should be clearly set forth, utilizing, however, the established practices of protecting the identity of certain confidential sources of information and confidential informants. (The Bureau does not desire the Agents preparing these reports to editorialize or evaluate on the Communist Party activities of the District. Evaluation of Communist Party activities as to the success or failure in the various districts can be obtained often from statements made by Party officials and confidential informants.)

It will be the responsibility of the Special Agent in Charge to properly evaluate the information which should be forwarded to the Bureau by teletype or letter immediately upon its receipt in the field so that duplicate reporting will be kept to a minimum.

The Bureau sub-file on addresses of Communist Party units is not being incorporated in this letter as the Bureau desires that this information be submitted to the Bureau quarterly by letter as presently is the practice.

Each field office will be required to meet the dead lines as outlined above so that this reporting system can bring about a proper evaluation of Communist Party activities for particular periods of time. Each office, with the exception of the New York Office, (which by necessity will have extra reports to prepare) is only being requested to prepare four Communist Party reports each year and it is expected that this requirement will be met.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

SAC LETTER NO: 24
Series 1948
2-13-48

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR CARRYING THROUGH THE 1947-48 PARTY REGISTRATION

Our Party has made important strides forward during the past year in becoming a more effective organization of mass struggles and mass activities, assuming once again its fighting vanguard role. It is a fact that large sections of the working class and progressive people generally have grown to appreciate the positive contributions our Party has made to the struggle for peace, security and progress. But our tasks are many, and our responsibilities great. The firm and clear leadership of our Party in the growing struggle that are developing is vitally needed if the present Big Business offensive is to be decisively defeated. That is why the present moment demands the speediest consolidation and education of our membership, the further rapid strengthening and building of our Party.

It is in light of the above that we must approach this year's registration of our Party membership. This registration must record a further step in the consolidation of our Party as the Marxist vanguard of the American working class. It must help to advance the process of transforming our Party clubs into active centers of mass activities and struggles. It must record a further advance in the activating of our membership in the fulfillment of the tasks we now face. That is why we have set ourselves the objective of registering the largest number of members in the history of our Party.

To achieve the greatest registration we have ever attained means that we must fight to retain every single member on our rolls. It means that we must utilize the registration as a process of educating the still existing large number of inactive and non-attending members on the role and contributions of our Party. It means that we must further deepen the understanding of all our members on the meaning of Communist membership—the need for every Communist becoming an active Communist.

I. TIME FOR REGISTRATION

We are to carry through and complete the registration during the two-month period of November 1-December 31. In the past, registrations have dragged over many months, often hampering the execution of other campaigns and activities. Everything must be done to concentrate the campaign in a shorter period of time, so that the clubs can be in a position to move quickly on resolving their problems connected with mass work. Within the period outlined it is suggested that we set milestones for the accomplishment of certain definite objectives as follows:

1. November 1-November 15: To register all actives, those who attend club meetings, and participate in club activities.
2. November 15-December 1: To register the majority of the membership with each club setting for itself a minimum of 75% registration.
3. December 1-December 31: To complete the registration, through special efforts, of those still not registered.

II. CONDITIONS FOR REGISTERING MEMBERS

1. Members shall be registered who are in good standing—that means payment of dues at least through September, 1947. Our aim is to collect dues for the entire year, but no members shall be registered this year unless they have paid dues for the first nine months. In connection with members who have not paid dues at all, our task is to convince them to pay for this period of time. Generally there shall be no "settlement" of dues to register a member—but special cases, if any, shall be reviewed by club executive committees.

2. Members shall be convinced of the necessity of attending club meetings. No members shall be dropped for past non-attendance unless the member has no desire to remain a member of the Party. Efforts shall be made to convince the member to attend regularly and to resolve whatever problems exist that stand in the way of attendance. At the same time, we shall discuss with the inactive members, certain things (i.e. selling a few Workers each week, distributing a number of leaflets, etc.) they can do in the course of their daily life, as a step toward activating them in the club.

3. Members shall be convinced to become readers of the press. We shall guarantee that every member becomes a reader of the Daily Worker, or at least the Sunday Worker (on the West Coast the People's World), during the course of the registration, as an important part of achieving an active Communist membership.

4. Every effort shall be made to register all members belonging to trade unions and other mass organizations who have been inactive in the club. Special efforts shall be made to integrate and educate such members, on the role of the Party, why they should attend club meetings, and why their activities should be guided by the club and its leadership. Such an approach will lend itself to maximum registration and avoid mechanical dropping of members.

5. Old-timers who have been passive to the demands of the club that they participate in its activities shall be called into club or section executive committees to determine their relationship to the Party. We are confident that this measure will in most cases result in drawing such old timers back into the work of the club.

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III. MATERIAL AND METHODS FOR REGISTRATION

The material for the carrying through of the Registration is to be prepared by the Club, and a registration card on which information in regard to each member is to be filled out. To complete the information contained on each card, a letter to every member should be mailed by the Club, with the instructions, and the instructions.

THE ENTIRE CLUB APPARATUS SHALL BE INVOLVED IN THIS WORK IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES.

The club officers and committees assigned to this work are to take every member of the club into consideration. The Registration Cards have the same number as the membership cards and are to be filled out in their entirety, or to the extent possible, by the Club Officers or Committees. The cards with corresponding numbers to the membership cards must be mailed. When a Registration Card cannot be fully filled out, the remaining information can be secured by telephone or by mail. In such cases only one or two questions need to be asked since most of the information is already known.

EVERY QUESTION ON THE REGISTRATION BLANK MUST BE FULLY ANSWERED, USING CHECKMARK WHERE POSSIBLE AND WRITING IN WHERE NECESSARY.

PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO GET COMPLETE INFORMATION AS REGARDS BOTH OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY THAT THE COMRADE WORKS IN, WITH SPECIAL CARE ON THE LATTER.

It is not enough for a comrade to register that he is a Machinist or a Welder or a Gunmaker, etc. He must also state the industry, such as Auto, Shipbuilding, etc. A Miner must state whether he works in the coal or metal mining industry. A Food worker should state whether he is in the Hotel and Restaurant, Bakery, Meat (except packing) industry. Just to say "food" is not enough. A Needle Trades worker must state whether he works in the ladies' or men's clothing industry. A Building Trades worker should, in addition to giving the industry, give also the craft that he works at. If the comrade is a Laborer, it must be stated what industry he works in. If he is a Building Trades Laborer, say so. The same applies to other Service Workers.

It is important that we get accurate information about our comrades who are Veterans. It is desirable if a veteran of more than one war, i.e., World War II and Spanish War, check both.

Under "Members in Mass Organizations . . ." give only the number of comrades in mass organizations, counting each comrade only once even though he belongs to more than one such organization.

As regards Professionals, be sure to list the profession such as artist, doctor, lawyer, educator, etc. Professionals working for themselves are NOT to be included in the category of "In Business for Self-Employed" on the Tabulation Sheet.

Those in business or self-employed must give the kind of business or self-employment they are engaged in.

Under "National Origin" we are desirous of knowing the national origin of the comrade and his father as their grand-parents.

All FULL-TIME mass organization functionaries are to register as such, in addition to their own category of trade unionists, the industry that they are connected with and if they are former or former of a trade union, the industry that they formerly were employed in, if any. Full-time Party functionaries are to be registered as such.

Great care must be taken with membership cards. Every one must be accounted for. When ever a card is not used or spoiled, it must be returned to the Club from which it was received. All organizations must have strict control and check of cards. If cards should be lost a written statement, stating where the card was lost, must be submitted by the one losing them.

Weekly reports on the progress of the Registration are to be made by the Clubs to the next higher level.

The Tabulation Sheet is for the convenience of all Party organizations in tabulating the information on the registration. This year we are trying to get more accurate information as regards the sector of the industry of our members. Therefore it is important to tabulate with the greatest care. To help in this accuracy we have divided Basic Industry into C.I.O. and A. F. of L. P. care to tabulate accordingly.

After the data of the members are registered, the first SUMMARY is to be made out on the Tabulation Sheet and sent to the District Office, or to the Section or County of the District and also sent with the registration cards. The District Office in turn, is to summarize all the Branch, Section or County summaries into one Tabulation Sheet and send same to the National Office, C. I. O. Section or County, Tabulation Sheet, and it to be sent to the National Office.

After the Club sends in its first SUMMARY (which ought to be prepared November 15, 1941) OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES ARE TO BE TAKEN TO LOCATE AND CONTACT ALL COMRADES WHO ARE ON THE ROLLS WHO HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED AS YET. The purpose of this is to get a maximum registration can be attained.

Then the second Tabulation Sheet, marking it "Additional" is to be prepared and sent to the District Office with the additional Registration Cards.

We believe that with properly organized carrying out of all the above mentioned steps, the registration can be carried through with the least effort and in the shortest time. It is our hope that the importance of this work will be fully realized as well as the necessity of carrying out this work as a part of our organizational tasks.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION PARTY PLAN

Director, FBI

February 9, 1948

SAC, Atlanta

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-3-68)

There is being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and New York photographic copy of a set of instructions for carrying through the 1947-48 Party Registration. The original document, according to information received through [redacted] is in possession of HENRY B. CHASE, Organizer for Communist Party District No. 31.

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SAC, Richmond

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT 26 - MEMBERSHIP
RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File 100-3-86)

Reference is made to SAC Letter No. 101, Series 1946, dated October 19, 1946.

The following data is being set forth as to the registration information developed by [redacted] on January 27, 1948. This registration data was related by DAVE BENNETT, a paid organizer of the Communist Party. The data, unless otherwise specified herein, will pertain to the registration of members of the Communist Party in the State of Virginia, which geographical subdivision is covered by District 26 of the Communist Party, USA.

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The total registered members of the Communist Party in the State of Virginia for 1947 is indicated as 106. It will be noted that this registration reflects 9 less members than 1946, in that 115 members were registered in that year.

It is interesting to note, in connection with the breakdown and analysis of the members, that 65 are men and 41 are women. In other words, 61% are male and 39% are female.

Indicative of the Communistic infiltration into the negro group, is reflected in the fact that 52 or 49% of the total membership is indicated as being of the negro race, while 54 or 51% of the total membership is indicated as being of the white race.

It is significant to note that 70 of the total membership are employed. 7 are listed as unemployed, 7 are self-employed, 13 are housewives, 1 is retired, 3 are farmers and 4 are listed as students. It will be noted that 1 of the total membership is unaccounted for.

As to the length of time individual members have been connected with the Communist Party, it is observed that 35 of the total membership, or 33%, have been members less than one year. 16, or a little more than 16%, have been members from 1 to 2 years; 18, or 16½%, have been members from 2 to 5 years; 19, or 18%, have been members from 5 to 10 years; and 18, or 16½%, have been members over 10 years. It is thus observed that

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Re: CP, USA, DISTRICT 26
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33%, or 1 out of every 3 members of the Communist Party in the State of Virginia, have been members less than one year, while 67% have been members of from 1 to over 10 years. It is thus significant to note that 71 of the total membership are classified in the group of from 1 to over 10 years. It is interesting to observe, in the comparison of the membership of 1947 with that of 1946, that there has been a turnover in membership in the Communist Party in the State of Virginia of better than 41%.

In connection with the review of the age groupings in the membership analysis of the Communist Party in Virginia, it is interesting to note that 12 are listed as being under 25 years of age, or 11%. In the 26 to 35 group, there are listed 40 members, or 38% of the total membership of the Party. In the age group of from 36 to 45, there are listed 33 members, or 31% of the total membership of the Party. In the 45 and over age group, there are listed 21 members, or 20% of the total membership of the Party.

In connection with the Communist infiltration into the labor movement, it is significant to observe that 48 of the total membership of the Communist Party in Virginia are listed as being members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), or 45% of the total membership of the Communist Party. 5 members are listed as being members of the American Federation of Labor (A.F. of L.), or less than 5% of the total membership. 3 members are listed as being members of independent unions, or less than 3% of the total membership. It will be noted, therefore, that there are 56 members of the Communist Party in Virginia listed as union members. In other words, 53% of the total membership of the Communist Party are union members.

In connection with evaluation of the Communist infiltration into the various trades, occupations and professions in the State of Virginia, it is interesting to note the number of members in the various occupations. 8 members are listed as radiomen; 1 as a longshoreman, 7 marine, 1 steel, 11 textile, 2 teamsters, 1 painter, 14 cigar-cigarette workers, 1 butcher, 7 food, 2 hotel and restaurant, 3 educators, 1 lawyer, 4 students, and 2 radio repairmen. It will be noted that the largest groups are in the Cigarette, food, textile, marine and radiomen groups. It is believed that the cigarette workers and the food workers may be explained by the fact that the control of the F.T.A., from the national and organizational standpoint, is vested in the Communist Party. The marine industry may be explained by the fact of the controlling activities of the Communist Party in the National Maritime Union in the past. The textile workers may be explained by the fact that some of the organizers of the I.W.O.U. in the State of Virginia have, in the past, been members of the Communist Party. The radiomen may be explained by the fact that the U.E., which recently organized a local at Palmetto, Va., has infiltrated the Communist Party into that area.

Director
Nat. CP, USA, DISTRICT 26
2/19/48

As to the reading of the organs of the Communist Party by its members in the State of Virginia, it is significant to note that 41 of the total membership, or 37%, are listed as readers of THE VOICE, 33 members are listed as readers of the POLITICAL ANNALS. This is 22% of the total membership.

Wesley L. Young

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

February 21, 1948
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY USA
MEMBERSHIP
Internal SECURITY MATTER - X

Information set out below, concerning the captioned matter, was
furnished to SA J. N. Doran and St. Emb. J. J. Connelly
on 2/3/48 by of NY b7D
same.

The original material is maintained as an exhibit in New York file
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REMARKS: Letter dated 1/29/48 from Israel Anter, 20 all
Counties, requesting that records of all disciplinary
cases of an important character be sent to the
State Review Commission.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

March 1, 1948

MEMO

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On February 11, 1948, [redacted] advised that SAM JAFFEE asked MAY MILLER to what section CARRUTHERS belonged. MILLER stated that she knew, but wanted to know why JAFFEE asked. He stated that the Secretariat is bringing charges against CARRUTHERS. MILLER stated that she wanted to talk to BILL about this before giving any information. It is impossible at this time to further identify CARRUTHERS.

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FREDERICK G. ZINCK, SA

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March 4, 1948

Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
MEMBERSHIP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitting herewith is information obtained by on b7D
March 1, 1948 from the building located at 35 East 12th Street,
New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following,
which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom
of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit
Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Book-
shop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th
Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y.
State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

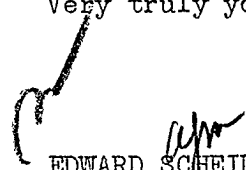
The original exhibit is being retained in the files of the
New York Office.

Description of exhibit:

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A pencilled record listing what is believed to be the membership
of each C.P. district for 1947. The sixth column is believed to be the
membership of Jan. 1, 1948.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

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March 15, 1948

Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
MEMBERSHIP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitting herewith is information obtained by [redacted] on **March 12, 1948** from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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The original exhibit is being retained in the files of the New York Office.

Description of exhibit:

An undated letter mimeographed on CP USA stationery addressed "to All Districts" from Henry Winston, concerning the consideration of the National Board to launch a recruiting drive to last from now until the Convention, as part of the Pre-Convention preparations.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge



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Director, FBI

March 19, 1948

SAC, Baltimore

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File 100-3-68)

Reference is made to SAC, letter 99, dated July 30, 1947 requesting the Field to advise the Bureau and New York Office, Communist Party Membership and its breakdown.

A highly confidential and reliable source furnished the Baltimore Office on February 8, 1948 with certain documents prepared by the Communist Party, District 4, pertaining to the registration of the Party members in Baltimore and in Western Maryland. The reports furnished by this informant are set forth below:

* REPORT ON REGISTRATION IN BALTIMORE Jan. 31, 1948

MALES	232	VETERANS	74	NATIONAL ORIGIN	
FEMALES	149	Former		Jewish	125
TOTAL	381	CP MEM.	32	Lithm.	17
NEGRO	119			Russ.	13
WHITE	262			Polish	11
	381			Greek	7
				Irish	4
				Finn	4
				German	4
Members of other Mass Orgn.	155			Italian	4
				Scandin.	3
				Czech.	2

Industrial Composition

Basic workers	107
Light Industry	72
White Collar	98

Union Membership

CIO	139
AFL	30
IND.	6
Total	175

AGE GROUPS

Under 25	54
25 to 35	173
36 to 45	37
Over 45	67

YEARS IN PARTY

under 1 year	75
1 to 2 years	65
2 to 5 years	79
5 to 10 years	83
over 10 years	76
Charter members	3

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 Re: CP, USA
MEMBERSHIP

Party Functionaries 3

Club Registration

AFL	11	Tom P.	38	Marine	35
E. Balt.	37	Perkins	12	Steel	20
F&F	11	Warehou	8	Concom	7
D.T	23	Jo Hill	7	W-C	72
Lin.	36	Youth	11	W.P	13
Longsh	5	Ship	11	Vets	7
				Cannery	15
				at-large	2 "

Notes on Membership

Club	AFL	CIO	Ind	Comments
Seaman	2	31		
Youth	1	1		No Negro
Perkins	2	3	1	one "
Lincoln	1	4	1	
Poster		4	1	now part of
Furniture		5		same club
Vets		2	1	No Negroes but club
				has been absorbed
Cannery		14		All Negro
Steel		17		only 4 Negro
Ship		11		
AFL	10			All White
Longshore	5			All Negro
Dun Tur		6		
Warehouse		3		T-H knocked out Union
Tom Paine	2	5	1	
East Balt.	2	12	1	
Concentration		1		All white
Joe Hill		8		
W.P		8		All white
W.C.	4	4		3 Negro members out
				of 72 not in clubs
Total	29	139	6	"

L/Dkr 3-19-48
 Re: CP, USA
MEMBERSHIP

REPORT OF REGISTRATION FROM W. MD.

MALES	36	Vetrans	16	National Origins	
Females	13	Former CP	12	German	14
Total	<u>49</u>			Native Amer	12
NEGRO	2			Jewish	2
WHITE	<u>47</u>			Italian	1
Total	<u>49</u>			Dutch	1
				English	1
				Scotch	1

Members of Mass Org 6

Industrial Composition

Basic Industry	28
Light "	5
White Collar	4

Union Members

CIO	21
AFL	6
Ind.	<u>2</u>
	29

Party Functionary 1

Age Groups

Under 25	3
25 to 35	18
36 to 45	13
over 45	15

Years in Party

under 1 year	7
1 to 2 years	3
2 to 5 years	15
5 to 10 years	11
over 10 years	13

On January 27, 1948 [redacted] reported that at a District Board Meeting, Communist Party, District 4, on January 23, 1948 it was announced that 844 members out of a possible 1,016 had been registered to date. The Party in Washington was reported to have registered 210 members.

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L/Dir 3-19-48
Re: CP, USA
MEMBERSHIP

On January 2, 1948 [] advised 55 members in Cumberland had registered.

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On November 15, 1947 [] furnished this office with a copy of a letter, dated October 9, 1947 sent to District 4 by the National Office, Communist Party, USA, stating District 4 should have a total membership of 1,132 by including the recruits obtained during the special recruiting drive in September. As the Bureau has been previously advised, District 4 reportedly obtained 64 members during this special recruiting drive.

On February 6, 1948 [] furnished this office with another copy of the analysis of the Communist Party registration for District 4 for 1946 reflecting 843 members had been registered. This information is furnished to the Bureau in report of Special Agent [], dated October 29, 1946, captioned, CP USA, District 4, MEMBERSHIP, Baltimore Field Division, INTERNAL SECURITY C. See page 7 of said report.

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However, the following additional information was included in the analysis obtained by said informant on February 6, 1948:

Registration for White Collar Section

Artists, actors	1	Writers	1
Doctors, dentists	4	Photographers	1
Engineers, draftsmen	26	Insurance	4
Lawyers	12	Teachers	7
Musicians	2	Physicists	2
Nurses	4	Psychologists	1
Newspaper writers	9	Chiropractor	1
Office workers	136	Executive	2
Salesmen	18	Social scientists	146
Social service	13	Miscellaneous	3
Students	2		
		Total	395

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cc: Washington Field
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DIRECTOR, FBI

March 19, 1948

SAC, BALTIMORE

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A. - MEMBERSHIP
DISTRICT #3, Baltimore Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau file 100-3-68)

Reference is made to SAC Letter #99, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947, and to Baltimore letter dated Sept. 12, 1947, setting forth available information concerning the membership of the Wilmington, Delaware, section of the Communist Party, District #3.

The Philadelphia Office advised that on April 12, 1947, [redacted] furnished information concerning the registration figures for each section within the Communist Party, District #3. The following are the figures for the Wilmington Section:

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Registered, 1946:	64
Recruits, 1946:	28
Membership, 11-1-46:	84
Registered, 1947:	47
Percent registered, 1947:	56%
Losses:	37
In Party less than one year:	2
Negroes:	13
Industrial:	17
Percent industrial composition, 1947:	36%
CIO	3
AFL	8
Percent CIO, 1946:	27%
Percent AFL, 1946:	15%
Percent AFL, 1947:	17%

Philadelphia Office advised that on May 2, 1947, [redacted] furnished photographic copies of 1947 Communist Party membership registration cards of the Wilmington Section, Communist Party District #3. This informant furnished photographs of 51 membership cards divided as follows:

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East Side Club, aka Northeast Club	24
West Side Club	14
Arden Club	13

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.-MEMBERSHIP
DISTRICT #3, Baltimore Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

March 19, 1948

The above constitutes the latest available information concerning membership figures for the Wilmington Section of the Communist Party District #3.

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CC New York ✓
Philadelphia

Build the Party and Press in the Fight for Peace!

America wants peace. No staged crisis will stampede Americans into surrendering their destinies to a band of Wall Street adventurers. America's resistance to the rule of the economic royalists has already smashed the walls of the twin party system.

A new party has arisen. It will stand up and grow in spite of the desperate war panic being fanned—for the third party draws its strength from the true patriots, the working people of our land.

Now, as never before, our country needs a strong Communist Party, fighting as Communists know how to fight, in defense of their class and their people.

The working people are fighting back... even now, the people are in battle—for wage increases, for democratic rights to the Negro people, against the un-American witch-hunts. The most advanced and militant among them, new thousands, will look for the guidance and strength that the Communist Party gives.

They will join our Party.

The spread of the third party and its victory in the Bronx emphasizes that the main danger is overestimating the strength of the imperialist camp, and underestimating the strength of the democratic camp.

The New York State Committee, therefore, calls upon all its members and organizations to build our Party and the circulation of its press to a new high.

Beginning April 1st, we will bring seven thousand new members and ten thousand new readers of our press into our fighting ranks by the National Convention, July 30.

BOB THOMPSON, BILL NORMAN, HALL SIMON.
for the

**New York State Committee
Communist Party**

National Convention Goals:

	Goal: New Members	Goal: The Worker	Goal: Daily Worker
New York	3000	11384	3121
Kings	1750	10655	1300
Bronx	1250	7276	858
Queens	500	2581	309
Cultural	300	—	—
Garment	125	500	100
Westchester	150	500	250
Nassau	125	400	200
Capitol	85	300	100
Sub-Dist.	250	500	600
Mid-Hudson	35	125	50
Richmond	15	75	35

40% by May 7

100% by the National Convention

1st

Objective:

40%

of new members goal

and

40%

of our press goal

by May 7th

Hold that date, May 7th,

open for a Citywide

Conference

The State Committee will present awards for the best County and Section in the first leg of the drive: April 1 to May 7 goal — 40%. Awards for achievement in the whole drive: To the County that does the best — TELEVISION SET. To the best section in each of the four New York City counties: A RADIO-VICTROLA. To the best upstate region: A NEW TYPEWRITER or RADIO-VICTROLA. (Only those counties and sections which fulfill their quotas will be eligible for awards.)

DIRECTOR, FBI

April 5, 1948

SAC, BALTIMORE

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP; 100-80638*
DISTRICT #3.
BALTIMORE DIVISION; 100-34927*
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau File 100-3-68

Re SAC letter No. 99, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947, and Baltimore letter dated March 19, 1948 setting forth latest available information concerning membership of the Wilmington, Delaware Section of the Communist Party, District No. 3.

The Philadelphia Office advised that on February 14, 1948 [redacted] furnished information concerning membership in the Wilmington Section of the Communist Party, District No. 3. The figures furnished for the Wilmington Section were:

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Total: 47
Registered: 22
To go: 25

Although a date did not appear on the Party record obtained by said informant from the CP, USA, District No. 3 Headquarters, 250 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia as described above, it is believed the figures relate to membership totals for the year 1948, particularly in view of the information previously furnished by this informant as reported in referenced Baltimore letter.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4-10-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/1-31; 4/1-3/48	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Committee to Uphold the Constitutional Rights of the Communists created in March, 1947 to raise special fund of \$250,000.00 to fight for life of C.P.-U.S.A. Eugene Dennis Defense Committee formed in July, 1947 to organize defense campaign on DENNIS' contempt conviction. Special Commission to Study Keynesism set up in December, 1947. National membership campaign conducted March 1 to September 20, 1947 to bring Party membership up to 100,000. National C.P. membership, as of 12/31/47, was 75,388 with 53,535 registered on that date and with ultimate goal of 63,075 registration for 1948. C.P.-U.S.A. became increasingly security-conscious during year, culminating in "November Scare" and various security measures adopted with some Party leaders going underground for several weeks. Factionalism, attending expulsion of various Communist leaders, achieved no significant results during 1947, although there appeared to be cleavage developing between intellectual Negro leaders and practical Negro leaders in Party. Foreign Affairs Committee organized in late Summer, 1947 to supervise relations with Communist Parties abroad. C.P.-U.S.A. did not affiliate itself with Cominform because of present political situation in U.S.A. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER made extensive trip to Europe, February to March, 1947, including visits to countries beyond "Iron Curtain" and to Congress of British C.P. C.P.-U.S.A. vigorously attacked Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan during 1947. Close relations maintained between C.P.-U.S.A. and C.P.'s in foreign countries. C.P.-U.S.A. highly critical of American policies in United Nations, especially on Palestine Question. C.P.-U.S.A. also championed Puerto Rican independence. C.P.-U.S.A.

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declared itself for Third Party and was jubilant when HENRY A. WALLACE in December, 1947 announced his presidential candidacy on independent Third Party ticket. Legislative Program of C.P.-U.S.A. for 1947 called for, among other things, re-establishment of price control, extension of federal rent control, abolition of House Committee on Un-American Activities, nationalization of railroads, mining and public utilities, reduction of American military and naval expenditures, and breaking relations with Franco-Spain. C.P.-U.S.A. fought Taft-Hartley Act, proposed anti-Communist legislation, Greek-Turkish aid, and Universal Military Training. Regarding Negro affairs, C.P.-U.S.A. favored enactment of Federal F.E.P.C., Federal Anti-Lynch Law, anti-poll tax legislation, and outlawing and prosecution of KKK. C.P.-U.S.A. during 1947 sought ways and means of exerting more influence over youth and students and winning them to its ranks. National Women's Commission established and held 1st meeting early in 1947 to coordinate activities among women. National Farm Commission formed in early 1947 in effort to organize farm work of Party. C.P.-U.S.A. extremely active in work among foreign nationality groups in 1947 and exerted its influence through numerous Communist-front organizations and publications. C.P.-U.S.A. highly critical of Catholic Church as anti-Communist force. Educational activities of C.P.-U.S.A. during 1947 consisted of arranging and conducting various types of schools, classes and conferences.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file #100-3.
SAC Letter #24, Series 1948, 2/13/48.

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(NY file 100-4931)
Period ending December 31, 1947.

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau file 100-3-68)

Recruiting Campaigns

HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organization Secretary, in a report on Party organizational work during 1946 which he delivered at a Plenum of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, New York City, on December 3, 4, and 5, 1946, as reported by Confidential Informant T-5, stated that it was the opinion of the National Board that a drive be launched to bring the membership of the Party up to one hundred thousand by the time of the celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Party in September 1947. He indicated that the months of March, April and May 1947 should be considered a period of uninterrupted, intensified recruiting.

This drive, which was called the KRUMBEIN Party Building Campaign in honor of CHARLES KRUMBEIN, National Communist Party Treasurer, who had died shortly before, was launched March 1, 1947 and was scheduled to terminate on September 20, 1947.

[redacted] stated that national and district Communist Party leaders initiated a whole series of intensified recruiting activities for the period, September 1 - 14, 1947.

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In a memorandum dated August 5, 1947, issued by the National Organization Department to all districts, supplied by [redacted] there were listed some suggestions for organizing party-building activities during the above-named period as follows:

1. September 1 - 11 -- Visiting of 10,000 workers in their homes.
2. September 12, 13, 14 -- Weekend to initiate 1,000 house gatherings.

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3. Regional Conferences -- Delegated regional Party building conferences to be held during the month of September as follows:
September 20-21--Eastern Regional Conference in New York City;
September 27-28--Midwestern Regional Conference in Chicago;
September 27-28--Western Regional Conference in San Francisco
4. Anniversary Meetings -- Party anniversary meetings in each district and in as many towns as possible.

Eastern Seaboard Conference,
October 18, 19, 1947.

As mentioned above, the Eastern Seaboard Conference of the Communist Party, USA, was held in Webster Hall, New York City, on October 18 and 19, 1947. This conference, which has been previously reported, was attended by six hundred delegates and six hundred visitors from fifteen Eastern and Southern States. The conference was devoted to a discussion of ways and means of building the Party and its press.

Party Registration 1947-48

In preparation for the 1947-48 Party registration, [redacted] reported that by memorandum dated September 4, 1947, the National Organization Department notified all districts that the objective of this registration campaign was to register the largest membership in the Party's history in order to meet the tasks of 1948. The memorandum recommended that the registration be carried through and completed during the two-month period of November 1 to December 31, 1947. It was proposed that from November 1 to November 15th all actives be registered; from November 15th to December 1st the majority of the membership be registered; and from December 1 to December 31st to complete the registration by cleaning up the balance of the membership.

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Membership and Registration Statistics

[redacted] furnished the membership and recruiting statistics as of December 31, 1947 as follows:

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<u>District</u>	<u>Jan. 1,1947</u> <u>Membership</u>	<u>Nov. 1,1947</u> <u>Membership</u>	<u>Nov. & Dec.</u> <u>1947-Recruits</u>	<u>Dec.31,1947</u> <u>Membership</u>	<u>Dec.31,1947</u> <u>Registered</u>	<u>Goal</u>
New England	1716	2010	27	2037	1146	1720
New York	25850	32918	310	33228	25000	28000
Eastern Pa.	2765	3314	40	3354	2300	2800
Maryland	1026	1159	18	1177	838	900
Western Pa.	722	895	15	910	650	800
Ohio	2650	3485	64	3549	2550	2800
Michigan	1660	2136	65	2201	1300	1700
Illinois	4458	5233	99	5332	3700	4500
Minnesota	1031	1153	16	1169	900	1050
Indiana	619	710	9	719	527	620
Oregon	322	400	14	414	246	350
Northwest	2213	2780	22	2802	1660	2200
California	7579	9732	85	9817	6706	8500
New Jersey	1981	2623	32	2655	2000	2200
Connecticut	830	1075	21	1096	930	1000
Wisconsin	810	909	19	928	761	800
Colorado	239	292	9	301	155	250
Missouri	555	609	7	616	466	500
West Virginia	130	234	10	244	192	200
Texas	286	446	19	455	310	350
Louisiana	230	363	5	368	202	275
Florida	174	235	3	238	200	180
Virginia	161	236	-	236	88	200
Alabama	428	553	8	561	160	400
Oklahoma	171	233	-	233	165	200
Carolinas	270	315	4	319	100	200
Montana	68	71	1	72	54	60
Georgia	62	90	1	91	35	70
Nebraska	124	159	1	160	151	150
Utah	91	106	-	106	43	100
TOTAL	59221	74474	924	75388	53535	63075

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following Confidential Informants were mentioned in the report of SA Russell S. Garner, dated at New York on April 10, 1948

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as set forth in the report of SA Russell S. Garner, 2/27/48, New York, in the case entitled, "COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C"


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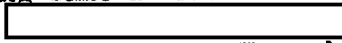
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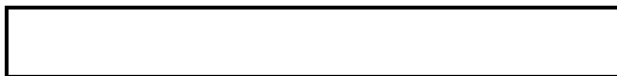

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NY FILE NO. **100-26603 hjr**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4-12-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/1-6/48	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A., DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

N.Y. State Eugene Dennis Defense Committee formed in August, 1947 to organize defense campaign for DENNIS' contempt conviction. N.Y. State C.P. set goal of 11,000 new members in connection with National Party-Building Campaign, conducted 3/1 to 9/20/47. Estimated C.P. membership within N.Y. Division, as of 12/31/47, was approximately 21,900 with approximately 23,700 registered as of that date and with goal of approximately 26,600 registration for 1948. N.Y. State C.P. became increasingly security-conscious during 1947, culminating in "November Scare", and various security measures were adopted at that time with some Party leaders going underground for several weeks. Factionalism, resulting from expulsion of various C.P. leaders, achieved no significant results during 1947, although DOXEY WILKERSON was removed as Executive Director of "People's Voice" in "Red Purge". Factionalism also rampant in Council on African Affairs between Left Wing faction of PAUL ROBESON and Right Wing faction of MAX YERGAN. In 1946, ROBERT THOMPSON was C.P. candidate for N.Y.C. Comptroller and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was C.P. candidate for N.Y. State Attorney-General. Both made only token showings in total vote cast. N.Y. State C.P. vigorously campaigned for retention of proportional representation but could not prevent its repeal in November, 1947 elections. Following death on 11/6/47 of N.Y.C. Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE, SIMON W. GERSON, N.Y. State C.P. Legislative Director, designated as his successor, but at year's end, had not been seated. N.Y. State C.P. vigorously hostile to proposed anti-Communist legislation and restrictive labor legislation in NY State legislature, and strongly favored continued 5¢ fare in N.Y.C. Police brutality in Harlem and other Negro sections of N.Y.C. condemned, as well as

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discrimination in housing. State Youth Commission established in 1947 to give guidance and leadership to young Communists and youth generally. State Women's Commission formed in April, 1946 to give sustained attention to women's field. State Farm Council continued limited activity in rural areas of N.Y. State. State National Groups Commission especially active among Jewish, Italian and Puerto Rican groups in N.Y.C. State Education Department spent extremely busy year in 1947, arranging and conducting numerous types of schools, classes, conferences and seminars and issuing huge quantity of literature.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file #100-3-4,
SAC Letter #24, Series 1948, 2/13/48.

CPUSA
District #2
NY Division
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(NY file 100-26603)
Period ending December 31, 1947.

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau file 100-3-68)

Recruiting Campaigns

HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organization Secretary, in a report on Party organizational work during 1946 which he delivered at a Plenum of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, in New York City, December 3, 4, and 5, 1946, as reported by Confidential Informant T-2, stated that it was the opinion of the National Board that a drive be launched to bring the membership of the Party up to one hundred thousand by the time of the celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Party in September 1947. He indicated that the months of March, April and May 1947 should be considered a period of uninterrupted, intensified recruiting.

This drive, which was called the Krumbein Party Building Campaign in honor of CHARLES KRUMBEIN, National Communist Party Treasurer, who had died shortly before, was launched March 1, 1947 and was scheduled to terminate on September 20, 1947.

In connection with this drive the New York State Secretariat of the Communist Party issued a statement in the "Daily Worker" for February 22, 1947, setting a goal of eleven thousand new members by May 31 and sixteen thousand by September 20th.

Membership and Registration Statistics

[redacted] furnished the membership and recruiting statistics for the entire Communist Party, USA, as of December 31, 1947. b7D The statistics indicated that the New York State Communist Party had a membership on January 1, 1947 of 25,850; a membership on November 1, 1947 of 32,918; recruits obtained during November and December 1947 totaled 310.

The statistics further revealed that as of December 31, 1947 the New York State Communist Party had registered 25,000 out of the membership of 33,228 with an ultimate goal of registering 28,000.

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From the foregoing figures, it is estimated that the membership of the Communist Party within the New York Division as of December 31, 1947, was approximately 31,900 with approximately 23,700 registered as of that date and with a goal of an approximate 26,600 registration.

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The following Confidential Informants were mentioned in the report of SA Russell S. Garner, dated at New York on April 12, 1948

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Highly confidential and reliable source who made information available to SA Brower Wilson on the occasion of CHARLES RECHT's trip to Czechoslovakia and Hungary by Pan-American Airways on 10/7/46. RECHT is Legal Advisor for the U.S.S.R. in the U.S.A.

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April 15, 1948

Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
MEMBERSHIP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitting herewith is information obtained by on **April 5, 1948** from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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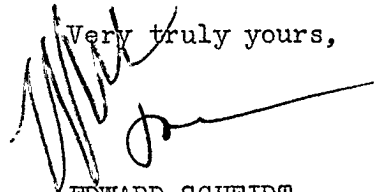
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Description of exhibit:

2 page bulletin entitled "Recruiting - 1947" showing number of Persons Registered, Total Membership of New York State Communist Party and showing breakdown of Party Members in Unions, Basic Industry, Light Industry, Professional, and White Collar Group.

cc: NY 100-26603-642

See exhibit 1060

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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April 19, 1948

Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
MEMBERSHIP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitting herewith is information obtained by [redacted] on **April 7, 1948** from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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Description of exhibit:

Two page typewritten report stating that as an answer to requiring every Communist to register, the Party should enroll 14,000 new members by the July Convention.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge



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If you look back . . .

If you look back over the swift political current since the end of last year, I'm sure you will agree with the State Committee's judgment.

- At the end of last year the fight for peace had not yet been jolted to its present breadth by staged crises.
 - There was then no national third party and a peace candidate. Now, those who three short months ago were accusing the third party of splitting the "Truman progressive" vote, are looking for a candidate who can split the third party vote.
 - As of the end of last year, many looked to Washington to make the Jewish state a reality. What friend of a Jewish state in Palestine today looks to the banker-militarist government with anything but contempt for its treachery?
 - Three short months ago there was some chance that fighters for the rights of the Negro people might be deceived by the demagogy of the Democrats and Republicans. Now, the terror to head off the growing Negro support for a third party and Truman's surrender of the civil rights program, makes clear that the demagogues themselves threaten civil rights.
 - The wage fights and the strike movement collide head-on with the Taft-Hartley administration in Washington. The open threats against free elections in Italy and other countries, the stepped-up terror against those who dare to use their constitutional rights, daily bring new circles into the resistance movement against Wall Street.
- Experiences of a decade are squeezed into months. Meeting with failure in Greece, China and Czechoslovakia, Wall Street is growing desperate. It must make move after move in direct conflict with the interests of America and Americans. It has no choice; it cannot be wise; it must thrash-around until the people put an end to it.

Our State Committee's judgment is this: that in the growing, militant resistance movement thousands of new leaders and fighters will come forward.

The problems created by the furious red-baiting attacks of Wall Street's press and radio can be solved. The 500 new members recruited in the first two weeks of the Party Building campaign are the proof.

These thousands will need our Party, and our Party must have their strength. They will need our Party's guidance and vision. They will need the inspiration and confidence of a socialist outlook. They will see us on the streets in demonstrations and open-air meetings. They will join our Party. But we must help them take that step.

The strength of our Party is its members. All of us and each of us, determined to recruit, will make sure that we reach and surpass our goal.

Bring these militants together in your home.

Hold a house party during the week starting Saturday, April 24.

Make sure that your branch holds one such party by May Day.

Recruit a thousand new members at these parties by May Day!

N.Y. State Committee, Communist Party.

BOB THOMPSON, Chairman,

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Communists to Build Party As Answer to Un-Americans

The National Board of the Communist Party this week announced the Party will attempt to recruit 14,000 new members in the next three months as an answer to proposals of the House Un-American Committee to outlaw it. The statement of the National Board, under signatures of William Z. Foster, chairman; Eugene Dennis, secretary, and Henry Winston, organizational secretary, emphasized the possibilities for achieving this goal. It urged that every district "now soberly survey its own possibilities and set its own goal proportionately."

Communist Party which will register a substantial growth in membership at the time of our July national convention. Ours is a realistic proposal. The rising people's resistance to the war-mongers and pro-fascists sets new forces in motion. Old illusions and prejudices give way to a new understanding that war, economic crisis and fascism are the creatures of capitalism. Life prepares new people for membership in our Communist Party.

THE FULL NATIONAL BOARD statement is as follows:

Hell-bent to rule the world, American imperialism menaces the American people with the twin dangers of war and fascism. At the same time the twin parties of Big Business inevitably intensify their attacks against our Communist Party, the vanguard of the working class which heads the American people's camp of peace and progress.

Striking at the trade unions and the progressive movement, the Un-Americans propose to outlaw the Communist Party by requiring its "registration." Now, as always, the best defense is the counter-attack. So, the National Board proposes that we build a

Communist Party which will register a substantial growth in membership at the time of our July national convention.

Ours is a realistic proposal. The rising people's resistance to the war-mongers and pro-fascists sets new forces in motion. Old illusions and prejudices give way to a new understanding that war, economic crisis and fascism are the creatures of capitalism. Life prepares new people for membership in our Communist Party.

IN THE RANKS OF LABOR and especially in the basic industries, millions of workers question the reformist leaders and reactionary Social Democrats who peddle the Marshall Plan, seek to tie labor to monopoly's two-party system, and weaken the trade union struggle to win wage increases and break the chains of the Taft-Hartley law. Among these workers are hundreds, even thousands, who can be won to the Party of socialism through their own testing of its fighting capacity on the issues of the day. Millions among the Negro peo-

ple know the Democratic and Republican parties to be the twin pillars of white supremacy and lynch terror. Hundreds, even thousands of them know the Communist Party as their most consistent champion. They can be won to the ranks of the only Party whose long-range program points the way to struggle for the Negro people's full national liberation.

Millions of young Americans and communities never heretofore led to political action. In towns and communities of men and women are waiting for the basic issues of the day. Some of them are ready for the new Party's answer for the more basic and timely our Communist Party. Four groups will be the most fruitful concentration points

this pre-convention Party drive. For this is no ordinary campaign for members. These circumstances give it a special character—resolute and against new dangers come with confident reaching out to new opportunities. Consultation with a number of key districts, the National Board has set an over-all goal of new Communist Party members by the time of our July national convention. Urge that every district now survey its own possibilities and set its own goal proportionately.

For the bigger Communist Communist enemies of America! For the bigger Communist Party America needs!

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER,
Chairman
EUGENE DENNIS,
General Secretary
HENRY WINSTON,
Organizational Secretary

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MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.
DISTRICT #2- NEW YORK STATE CP
INTERNAL SECURITY -C

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On 4-20-48, [redacted] made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N.Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the holographic initials of Special Agent E.K DEANE and Special Employee S.W. JENNINGS, who can testify to legally admissible character of the exhibit.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see exhibit # 1B 61 in file # 100-80638.

Description of exhibit:

An open letter dated April 19, 1948 on stationery of CP of New York State from Robert Thompson, Chairman in which the writer stresses the need for new leaders and fighters and asks that 7,0000 new members be recruited by convention time—July 30th.



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PARTY DRIVE

Introducing a new daily feature... the stories behind the figures, or how the Communist Party and Daily Worker grow day by day. We won't pay for true experiences or even bright sayings, but we're willing and wanting to print actual stories of how New York Communist Party Clubs, sections and members are carrying out the big but achievable job of recruiting 7,000 members and winning thousands of new readers for The Daily and Sunday Worker by July 30. Share your success. Write them in or, if you're pencil-shy, call Party Drive and we'll visit you in person.

A. BAKER'S DOZEN, or how to get 13 new Communist members at one clip. The Yorkville region willingly shares its new explosive BCP formula. It's simple. First you win the coveted prize of getting both William Z. Foster and Benjamin Davis to speak at a party building meeting. You distribute 5,000 leaflets door to door, house to house. You advertise widely. Each member pledges and actually brings one outsider with him. The formula can't miss. Tests at Yorkville's Park Plaza meeting show the following results: Attendance, 450; collection, \$150—and most important, 13 new members signed up on the spot.

* BCP—Build the Communist Party.

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TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

National Office of CPUSA occupies entire 9th floor of 35 E. 12th St., NYC. All remaining occupants of building are under direct CP operation and control. Organizational structure and paid personnel of CPUSA set forth. National Fund Drive to raise \$350,000. for Daily Worker and CP launched 2/1/48. National Press Committee formed in February, 1948 to increase D.W. circulation. National Convention of CPUSA scheduled for 8/3,4,5,6/48 in NYC. Registered National CP membership numbered 66,000 as of early February, 1948. Balance in CPUSA bank account totaled \$4,208.30 as of 2/29/48. During period 1/1/47 to 2/29/48 deposits totaling \$325,377.79 and withdrawals totaling \$325,888.48 were made. Balance in CPUSA special account totaled \$148,464.77 as of 2/29/48. Stringent security measures adopted by CPUSA during "November Scare" of 1947 continue in force. Confidential mailing addresses of CPUSA set forth. FRANCIS FRANKLIN, former Jefferson School instructor in NYC, expelled from CP in March, 1948 for factionalism. CPUSA on 2/17/48 submitted statement to Foreign Affairs Committee, House of Representatives, expressing bitter opposition to E.R.P. STANLEY RYERSON, Educational Director of Labour-Progressive Party of Canada, spoke at National CP plenum in February, 1948. MAX WEISS, CPUSA Foreign Affairs Committee Secretary, was refused passport by State Department to attend 6th National Convention of Italian CP in January, 1948. CPUSA labeled Czechoslovakia coup of February, 1948 a "people's victory." LOUIS WEINSTOCK, National CP Committee member made 8 weeks' trip to Hungary in January-February, 1948 at invitation of Hungarian Trade Union Council. CPUSA demands fulfillment of

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UN decision for Palestine partition and end to arms embargo to that country. CESAR ANDREU, President of Puerto Rican CP, visited NYC in December, 1947-January, 1948 where he conferred with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National CP Chairman. FOSTER returned visit in March, 1948 and in San Juan speech advocated Puerto Rican independence and dismantling of US bases and evacuation of US troops there. CPUSA waging all-out campaign to insure success of third party movement and election of WALLACE as President. CPUSA intends running number of Communist candidates for Congressional, State and local offices. CPUSA denounced hearings of House Committee on Un-American Activities to outlaw CP and in January, 1948 called for mass campaign against Committee. CPUSA continues its hostility toward UMT and favors reimposition of price and rent control legislation. Instructions issued by CPUSA on 3/17/48 to open mass pressure drive to influence favorable decision by US Supreme Court on Congressional contempt convictions of reported Communists. CPUSA urges development of mass movement to drop all deportation charges against arrested alien Communists. Selected CP members purportedly trained to assume duties of leaders who may be arrested. These members also said to be trained in war production work and to pose as reactionaries to gain confidence of employers in order to stop production in event of war. CP veterans active in Washington, D. C. in connection with "Operation Subsistence" in January, 1948 and Veterans' Lobby on Housing in March, 1948. CP endeavoring to infiltrate NAACP nationally now that National Negro Congress is defunct. CP youth and student clubs participated in celebration of World Youth Week, 3/29 to 4/4/48, with defeat of UMT as key youth issue. Party Women's Month observed in March, 1948. Mobilization of political strength of women for 1948 elections deemed essential. CPUSA continues to use cultural media to implement Party line. National Groups of CPUSA active in lining up foreign nationality organizations behind WALLACE movement. Program of New Century Publishers, a CP front, during February and March, 1948 placed emphasis on pamphlets opposing Marshall Plan and UMT. Four months' campaign begun 2/1/48 by CPUSA for purpose of raising theoretical and ideological level of membership and functionaries and strengthening Marxian and working class consciousness.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-3.
SAC Letter #24, Series 1948, 2/13/48.
Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, 4/10/48.

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(NY file 100-4931)
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MEMBERSHIP
(Bureau File 100-3-68)

At the National Committee Plenum of the Communist Party, U.S.A., held on February 3, 4 and 5, 1948, at New York City, Confidential Informant T-8 reported that HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organization Secretary, stated in his organizational report that as of that date some 66,000 members of the Party had been registered. He said that while a complete analysis of the registration was not yet available, nevertheless several outstanding facts were already clear, first, the trend to a growth that the Party witnessed in 1947 had been checked during the year 1948; second, shop and industrial clubs were not strong and new ones were not being built; third, the working class of the Party base remained stationary, and, fourth, there existed a problem in registration of the negro membership.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER dated May 6, 1948, at New York, New York, are as follows:

- T-1 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- T-2 [redacted] of the New York Division.
- T-3 [redacted]
[redacted] New York City. (Identity withheld at request).
- T-4 [redacted] as set forth in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, dated 9/4/45 at New York, N. Y., entitled "Communist Party of the United States, Internal Security - C", covering the Special National Convention of the CPA, 7/26,27,28, 29/45, at New York City.
- T-5 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- T-6 Highly confidential source [redacted] of JOHN GATES, Editor of the Daily Worker, at time he left USA for Italy on April 8, 1948 via TWA making same available to SA'S JOSEPH F. FITZGERALD, BERT TYLOR and RICHARD J. GALLAGHER.
- T-7 Confidential mail box maintained by the New York Office.
- T-8 [redacted] as set forth in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, dated 2/27/48 at New York in the case entitled "CPUSA, Internal Security - C", covering National Committee Plenum of CPUSA, 2/3,4,5/48.
- T-9 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- T-10 [redacted]
[redacted] New York City. (Identity withheld at request).

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- T-11 [redacted]
- T-12 Established liaison channels with State Department, whose identity is known to the Bureau as set forth in Bureau letter dated February 5, 1948 in case entitled "German American, Incorporated, Internal Security - C."
- T-13 Confidential British source known to the Bureau as set out in Bureau letter dated February 26, 1948 in case entitled "American Council for a Democratic Greece, Incorporated, Registration Act,"
- T-14 [redacted] New York City. (Identity withheld at request.)
- T-15 Highly confidential and reliable source who made available information contained in communications addressed to [redacted] [redacted] New York City, to SA [redacted]
- T-16 [redacted] of the New Haven Office.
- T-17 [redacted] of the Philadelphia Office.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5-7-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/1-30/48	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A., DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

District #2, CPUSA, comprises entire State of New York. Area covered by NY Division embraces total population of approximately 9,761,440. District #2 Office occupies bulk of 4th floor and virtually all of 5th floor of 35 E. 12th St., NYC. All remaining occupants of building are under direct CP operation and control. Organizational structure and paid personnel of District #2 (in New York Division) set forth. Regional system of Party organization set up in Manhattan. District #2 seeks 7,000 new members during period from April through National CP Convention in August, 1948. Balance in District #2 bank account totaled \$88,680.27 as of 2/29/48. During period 1/1/47 to 2/29/48 deposits totaling \$1,068,445.86 and withdrawals totaling \$983,837.53 were made. Strict security measures invoked during "November Scare" of 1947 remain in force in District #2. Confidential mailing addresses of District #2 set forth. FRANCIS FRANKLIN, former Jefferson School instructor in NYC, and his wife, ANNA MAY KRAMM, expelled by District #2 for factionalism. District #2 protested anti-Communist ban in Brazil and US failure to back up UN plan for Palestine partition. District #2 vigorously active in third party movement and in WALLACE'S Presidential campaign. CP in NYC was fully mobilized and contributed heavily to victory of LEO ISACSON in special Congressional election in Bronx, February, 1948. SIMON W. GERSON, NY State CP Legislative Director, continues his unsuccessful efforts to gain seat of late Brooklyn City Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE. NY State CP Legislative Program for 1948 calls for, among other things, rent control,

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low cost housing, continuance of 5¢ NYC subway fare and increased aid to education. Bitter opposition expressed by District #2 toward anti-Communist legislation pending in State. Selected CP members reportedly trained to take over duties of leaders who may be arrested. These members also alleged to be trained in war production work and to pose as reactionaries to gain employers' confidence in order to stop production in event of hostilities. District #2 veterans participated in Washington, D. C. in "Operation Subsistence" in January, 1948 and in Veterans' Lobby on Housing in March, 1948. Harlem Conference of CP in January, 1948 called for all-out fight for civil liberties, especially in alien Communist deportation cases, and for mobilization of forces for WALLACE. Factional dispute within Council on African Affairs apparently has caused its Executive Director, MAX YERGAN, to sever all connection with CP although this move is reported to be opportunistic. Youth Commission of District #2 is hostile to UMT. Cultural media continue to be used to implement Party line. District #2 reiterates its opposition to US intervention in Greece and its advocacy of separate Jewish State in Palestine. CP endeavoring to reduce expense of publishing literature and proposes selling all basic literature at cost. Campaign being conducted by District #2 2/1 through 5/31/48 to raise theoretical and ideological level of membership and functionaries and to strengthen Marxian and working class consciousness.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File 100-3-4.
SAC Letter #24, Series 1948, 2/13/48.
Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, 4/12/48.

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Period 1-1-48 to 3-31-48

MEMBERSHIP
(Bureau File 100-3-68)

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party announced in "The Worker" for March 21, 1948, Section I, Page 7, that beginning April 1, 1948, and continuing through until the national convention in August, 1948, the New York State Communist Party would strive to achieve a goal of 7,000 new members. The article said that the goal was forty per cent by May 7th and one hundred per cent by the national convention. Prizes were to be given to the County, Section and Up-State Region achieving the highest percentage of new membership during the whole drive.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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T-2 [redacted] of the New York Office.

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T-4 [redacted] as set forth in report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER dated 9/4/45, at New York City, entitled "Communist Party of the United States, Internal Security - C", covering the Special National Convention of the CPA, 7/26,27,28,29/45 at NYC.

T-5 [redacted] as set forth in report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER dated 9/18/45, at New York City in case "Communist Party of the United States, District #2, New York Field Division, Internal Security - C", covering the Special State Convention of the NY State CPA, 7/21,22 and 8/10,11,12/45 at NYC.

T-6 Confidential mail box maintained by New York Office.

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Representative Multer Explains Objections to Mundt-Nixon Bill

This is another in a series of articles written by members of the Brooklyn delegation to Congress. Representatives are asked to discuss vital issues under debate in Washington. Each selects his own subject and treats it as he wishes.

By Representative ABRAHAM J. MULTER
14th Congressional District

Few people find fault with the purpose of the Mundt-Nixon bill. With few exceptions, the difference of opinion is not in objective, but in the method of attainment thereof.

The bill properly defines the aims of Communism (not the economic theories of co-operative movements, but the Soviet political ideology of a tyrannical dictatorship) as an attempt to enslave the world and to subjugate all of its people by any and all means, fair or foul, as Communists deem expedient.

No freedom-loving person objects to the declaration of principles there set forth.

At Whom Is the Bill Aimed?

William Foster, president of the Communist party of the U. S. A., says it has only 15,000 members. The FBI and the

Un-American Activities Committee say there are 75,000 avowed members. The committee estimates the number of fellow-travelers at 750,000. The maximum number of votes they ever corralled in a national election was 102,391 in 1936 for William Z. Foster. In 1940 their candidate, Earl Browder, received only 46,251. Let us assume they can muster 1,500,000 voters. (I purposely exaggerate the figure to about double the estimates of the bitterest opponents of Communism.)

In this country of almost 150,000,000 people, this year will find 90,000,000 qualified

(we have 27 Federal statutes alone) will keep them in their place.

How to Defeat Communism?

Spreading of Americanism by teaching and practice can more effectively defeat this foreign ideology.

Nevertheless, my antipathy to Communism is so deep-seated that I favor and would support a Constitutional amendment to outlaw it. But nothing short of such an amendment can do.

There is no doubt (despite the sponsors' protestation to the contrary) that this bill does outlaw Communism.

The bill, however, in an effort to disguise that purpose and in order to evade the Constitutional restrictions against it, declares persons and organizations guilty by legislative fiat and directs the Attorney General to so find. The penalties that flow from the Attorney General's findings are severe and onerous. The only review by any court is to determine whether the Attorney General proceeded in the manner provided. The Attorney General and not the court or a jury will determine the facts conclusively against any review.

Hits Wallace Backers

Like it or not, some unions are openly supporting Wallace and his organization.

Under Section 3, subdivision 3, the Wallace third party move-

ment is a Communist political organization.

Under Section 3, subdivision 4, a "Communist front organization" is one with respect to which some or all of the following considerations give rise to the reasonable conclusion "that its views and policies are in general adopted and advanced because such views and policies are those of a Communist political organization."

Union Members in Peril

The innocent, decent American members of these misguided unions have no redress and no means of protection.

They are labeled members of Communist front organizations and given no opportunity to clear house.

For instance, there is at least one union made up of Government employes, a large number of whom are supporting Wallace. Thirty days after the enactment of this bill every member will lose his job, no matter how hard he may be fighting within his union to rid it of Wallace supporters, Communists and fellow-travelers.

My constituents can rest assured that, despite my opposition to the bill, I will continue in the forefront of the fight against Communism. It will be carried on, however, with the utmost respect for our Bill of Rights, a Bill of Rights so eternally fine that it has been incorporated in the charter of the United Nations and on May 2, 1948, at Bogota was made a part of the 21-nation agreement entered into at the Ninth International Conference of American States.

Many of the members of Congress, including myself, tried to improve the bill by amendment.

All our amendments were voted down because the committee in charge of this bill was insistent upon having it in the form they presented it and they would permit no changes, despite the fact that the bill in the form submitted to the House was never considered at a single public hearing. I hope that the Senate committee will not be badgered by the Communist opponents of this bill into approving this bill to show how anti-Communist the committee can be. No haste is needed in the enactment of this legislation. It should be carefully and thoroughly considered.



Rep. A. J. Multer

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: June 4, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY USA - MEMBERSHIP
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whose identity is known to the Bureau advises that a woman known as EVELYN -- who was formerly a member of the Health Club of the Communist Party in Washington, D.C., was transferred to New York City, transfer number 3955, during the early part of this year.

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EVELYN's New York address is stated to be 2487 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York. Her Communist Party dues have been paid through December, 1947, and it is understood by informant that she had been in Washington only a short period before she left town.

In the event you are about to identify this individual, please advise this office.

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By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

THE CAPITALIST press is missing a big bet these days. After all their ravings about where the Communists get their orders, the answers are to be found right under their very eyes if they want to use them. At present the Communist Party, is discussing a



draft resolution prepared by the National Board and endorsed by the National Committee. It will be presented for final adoption at the forthcoming convention of the Party, with

any amendments which are voted as a result of the discussion. To ensure a thorough discussion, club meetings were held over the country. There are 2,750 such clubs of the Communist Party—shop, industrial, community, youth, cultural, etc. From these clubs del-

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egates were elected to the section convention, which in turn elect delegates to the county and to the state conventions. From the state conventions delegates will be elected to the national convention.

There are darned few trade unions which proceed along such democratic lines as the Communist Party, in preparing for a convention. Neither of the old parties would dare such a discussion or state conventions delegates will be would happen.

THIS PRE-CONVENTION discussion is unique. Only the Communist Party is bold enough to publicly evaluate its own work for the past three years, to frankly criticize itself (for all to read) along constructive lines, to make open proposals for further improving its effectiveness. This is

democracy, which gives every member a chance for full and free expression for the benefit of the Party and the welfare of the workingclass.

All other political parties we have known thus far in America, conceal their weaknesses and mistakes, boast of their "accomplishments," make extravagant promises and carry on all sorts of shady deals behind closed doors.

This is a different kind of a Party.

The press is unconcerned with what we are doing or saying at present because it gives the lie to "foreign agent" or "conspiracy" and similar drive which it feeds its readers about the Communists.

It is not willing to tell the truth about this resolution, in fact even to mention it, because it is such a clear and convincing analysis of the state of the nation

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and the world today and what the working class and the people in general can do to change it.

SELF-CRITICISM is a term commonly used by Communists which is sometimes ridiculed by people who dare not face themselves or analyze their policies and deeds in such a spirit. Incapable of self-criticism, they are deadly afraid of it from others and demand "yes-men" around them who cater to their weaknesses. We could easily name a score of labor leaders, so-called, and political top figures who are thus afflicted.

We want to face our mistakes so they won't occur again, so we can correct the tendencies responsible for them. We want to improve our work, build our Party into a mass party, extend our press, distribute ever greater quantities of literature among millions we have not yet been able to reach. A bigger, better, more effective Communist Party in the U. S. A. is the objective of our self analysis and self criticism. It is within this framework—the good and welfare of our Party and the workingclass—that our discussions proceed.

SUCH A DISCUSSION is nat-

urally conducted in an atmosphere of loyalty and pride in our Party and its heroic struggle especially during the past three years.

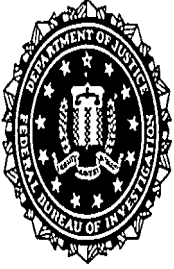
We have fought off all attempts thus far to outlaw our Party, to drive it underground, to destroy it. Our Party through its leaders, Foster, Dennis and others, has fought persecution, red-baiting, lies, the fires of the enemy, all along the line. We are stronger, more militant, more imbued with fighting Communist spirit than we have been in many years.

The Communist Party is a voluntary organization. Our membership has met the barrage of attack with magnificent spirit. Daily new members of equally determined mold, join our Party. The very intensity with which the capitalist class attempts to destroy our Party steels our membership to build it stronger than ever before. And this membership can quickly distinguish between an honest comrade who gripes because he wants things done better and an anti-Party force who

nipes at the Party under the guise of self-criticism.

WE WILL LEARN much from each other in this wholesome discussion and criticisms by loyal comrades. We will come to the convention full of renewed devotion and enthusiasm the press never can understand—because we are the builders of a new, free and happy America. History will write a final evaluation of our contribution to the well-being of future America.

To be worthy of our role, upon which so much depends in the world today, the Communist Party carries on this important open discussion and timely convention. We prepare ourselves for future struggles. The road to Socialism is a rough and stormy one, but the glorious end is worth the mightiest effort.



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MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

At the Weekly Intelligence Conference on 8/5/48, Colonel KAYLOR of MID advised that he had received a request from Washington for an estimate of the CP membership in the United States. He said this was for a yearly summary that the Army puts out for its services.

It is suggested that these figures be made available to Colonel KAYLOR or that he be referred to the Bureau in Washington, if such are not available here for distribution to MID.

R. R. GRANVILLE
Supervisor

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MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.-MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

[redacted] reported that during the course of the National CP Convention held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City, August 3 through 6, 1948, HENRY WINSTON, National CP Organizational Secretary, reported that the current national membership of the CP, USA, was more than 60,000.

It is the writer's belief that the round figure of 60,000 can be used as the current official estimate of the Party's national membership.

RUSSELL S. GARNER,
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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[redacted] during the year 1947 and as recently as 3-17-48, has furnished a number of plain white envelopes which were present at the National Office of the CP.

On 9-10-47 [redacted] made available 26 envelopes present at the National office which appeared to have contained membership material which was transmitted to the National Office from various Communist Party Districts. The majority of these envelopes bore notations, "National Office", "Transfers", "To New York - Membership Material". Several of these envelopes had the above notations crossed out and "To Mac E.", "Mac Epst", believed to be a MAC EPSTEIN, was placed on the envelopes.

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On 10-21-47 [redacted] furnished five envelopes which appeared to have contained membership material because of the notations placed thereon to that effect. These also had the States such as "Florida", "Mich.", etc., crossed out along with other notations and were then addressed to "Mac E.", "Mac Epst".

On 3-17-48 [redacted] made available several envelopes which carried similar notations to those described above.

The true identity of the MAC EPSTEIN who appears to be handling membership records at the National Office is not known. However, the name MAC EPSTEIN appears to be an alias of an employee at the CP headquarters at 35 E. 12th St., NYC. The Bureau will be appropriately advised when the true identity of this individual is ascertained.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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Mac Epstein 100-91721*

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United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

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August 25, 1948

MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT #2
NEW YORK STATE C.P.;
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On 6/3/48, [redacted] made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the holographic initials of Special Agent H. P. Larson and Special Employee A. E. Faller, who can testify to legally admissible character of the exhibit.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see exhibit # 156 in file # 100-80638.

Description of exhibit:

A dues report of the CP, N.Y. State for Nov., Dec., 1947; Jan., Feb., March, April, 1948 listing the organization breakdown as to membership and dues.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

New York, N.Y.
September 20, 1948

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP;
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My report dated June 9, 1948 [redacted] advised of the Communist Party's security measures with regard to membership lists. The only one who has a list is the membership secretary of the clubs, however, there is no national list of all party members.

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The routine of an application for membership and the gathering of information concerning the member is described by the informant.

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The routine of an application for membership and the gathering of information concerning the member is described by the informant.

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C.P. Membership Lists

June 9, 1948: There is no national list of all party members. The only one who has a list is the membership secretary of the clubs. Occasionally the various lists are brought together for a mailing, or in lax times a general section ALP mailing list will have C.P. members coded. But in careful times as these, only one person officially, and an alternate (the treasurer of the club) unofficially, has the membership list. In old clubs, of course, a member may have the names and addresses of most of the fellow members as a classmate in a school may have addresses of fellow classmates.

When a person signs the application for membership, the stub bearing the name is kept (and destroyed) by the membership secretary. The data concerning the person, job, nationality, race etc., on the big card (no name) goes to national via county and state for statistical compilation.

Current facts of membership are gathered from treasurer's reports and the number of cards issued at "re-registration" in November and December for the coming year. Old cards are picked up and destroyed by the ones making the registration.

Of course if anyone were very anxious to get a list as a section head, county or state head, it would not be difficult. He would have only to call all membership secretaries together.

The nearest to a list is the worker mailing list. This misses many members and includes some non-members.



Director, FBI

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SAC, New Haven

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - DISTRICT 15
NEW HAVEN OFFICE
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
MEMBERSHIP
Bufile #100-3-68

Re SAC letter #99 dated 7-30-47. For the information of the Bureau and the New York Office, New Haven [redacted] advised that SIDNEY TAYLOR, State Secretary of the Communist Party at the 1948 Connecticut State Convention of the CP, which was held in New Haven on 7/16 - 7/18/48 stated that there were 954 registered members of the CP in Connecticut for the year 1948. According to the informant, SIDNEY TAYLOR indicated that this was an increase of more than 100 over the registration for 1947, and that 65 new members were recruited during the year. A quota of 235 new recruits by January 1, 1949 was established at said Convention.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9-29-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/1-17/48	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Quarterly Period - April 1 to June 30, 1948

Preparations made for National CP Convention in August, 1948. Current national membership of CP-USA approximately 60,000. Summary report of CP-USA finances reflects income of \$835,891.98 and expenditures of \$857,731.00 in period 1/1/45 to 5/31/48, thus making a deficit of close to \$21,000.00. Security measures remain tight. Confidential mail addresses continue to be utilized by CP-USA. JOSEPH PRENSKI, associate of FRANCIS FRANKLIN, expelled in factional dispute. Close ties of solidarity maintained between CP-USA and Communist Parties in foreign countries. CP-USA calls for full recognition of Israel and lifting of arms embargo thereon. CP-USA active in mobilizing its forces behind HENRY WALLACE and the Third Party Movement. All-out attack leveled by CP-USA against Mundt-Nixon Bill. One-half million dollar fund drive launched and Provisional Committee for Democratic Rights formed to defeat this bill. CP-USA hostile to Universal Military Training and draft. CP-USA active in fighting deportation and Congressional-contempt cases. Communist veterans seeking to infiltrate American Legion and American Veterans Committee. Bitter struggle waged for control of Council On African Affairs between Communist faction led by PAUL ROBESON, DOXEY WILKERSON and W. A. HUNTON, and non-Communist group headed by MAX YERGAN. CP-USA opposed to non-violence civil disobedience program of protesting segregation in Armed Forces. CP-USA anticipating formation within few months of new, independent non-Party youth organization based on Marxist-Leninist principles. Eleven state women's commissions now in operation. Open letter, signed by thirty-two American writers, printed in "Literary Gazette" in Moscow on May 2, 1948, opposed current U.S. leadership and policy on issue of peace.

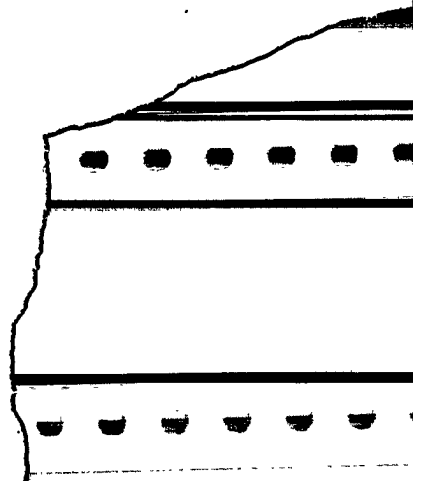
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CP-USA carries on propaganda activities among nationality groups in U.S. through thirty-three publications in twenty-two foreign languages and two in English. Volume of Communist literature published and distributed in first part of 1948 shows marked falling-off as compared with 1947. National Education Department of CP-USA active in supervising schools and furnishing instructors to CP districts in eastern and southern portions of U.S.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-3.
SAC Letter #24, Series 1948, 2/13/48.
Report of SA Russell S. Garner, New York, 5/6/48.

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MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)

CURRENT NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Confidential Informant T-10 advised that when JOHN GATES, editor of the "Daily Worker" left the United States on April 8, 1948, to cover the Italian elections, he indicated that the total national registration of the Communist Party for 1948 was then 58,000, which would ultimately reach 60,000. According to GATES, the main districts were:

New York	26,500
California	8,000
Illinois	4,000
Ohio	3,000
Michigan	1,500
The South	2,000

RECRUITING DRIVE FOR 15,000 NEW MEMBERS

An article in the "Worker" for April 11, 1948, Section I, Page 7, Column I, reflected that the National Board of the Communist Party that week had announced the Party would attempt to recruit 15,000 new members in the next three months as an answer to proposals of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to outlaw it. A statement issued by the National Board, according to this article, called for this goal to be achieved by the time of the national convention. The statement declared the following four groups would be the most fruitful concentration points for this drive:

Workers in the basic industries
Negroes
The Youth
The grass roots

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP-USA for the quarterly period beginning July 1, 1948 and ending September 30, 1948.

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Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Buffalo and Newark Offices in view of their contiguity and interest in activities of the CP-USA.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following Confidential Informants are mentioned in the report of SA Russell S. Garner, dated at New York on September 29, 1948

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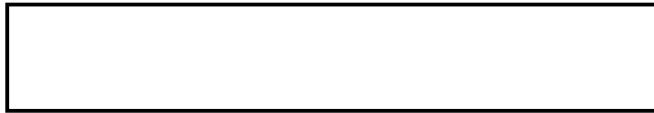
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Photographic copies of material furnished by highly confidential source on 4/8/48 when JOHN GATES, editor of "Daily Worker", left U.S. for Italy by TWA, making same available to SAs J. M. Fitzgerald, Richard J. Gallagher and Bert S. Taylor.

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TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA, DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Quarterly Period - April 1 to June 30, 1948

Regional system set up in Manhattan completed by CP. NY State CP membership currently 26,890. District #2's quota to be raised to defeat Mundt-Nixon Bill totals \$300,000. Security measures remain in force and confidential mailing addresses continue to be used. Many Communist members of the National Maritime Union dropped and expelled in last three years because of disruptive tactics and factionalism. Issue concerning seating of SIMON W. GERSON as late PETER V. CACCHIONE'S successor in New York City Council from Brooklyn, continues unresolved. Assistance being given by CP in NYC to re-elect Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO and insure success of HENRY WALLACE and Third Party Movement. CP in NYC campaigned against subway fare raise to 10¢. District #2 demanded NY State Senate act on civil rights legislation. Communist veterans worked to prevent passage of Mundt-Nixon Bill. Bitter struggle waged for control of Council on African Affairs between non-Communist faction, led by MAY YERGAN, and Communist group headed by PAUL ROBESON, DOXEY WILKERSON and W. A. HUNTON. District #2 opposed to non-violence civil disobedience program protesting segregation in Armed Forces. District #2 indicates that independent, non-Party, Marxist-Leninist youth organization will be formed after 1948 elections. Anti-censorship Committee organized in early Spring to combat various legislative and Congressional un-American investigative committees. Efforts being made by CP to organize farmers for WALLACE. District #2 endeavoring to pursue program of concentration in nationality group work. Extensive program of schools and classes carried out by District #2 from September, 1945 through May, 1948.

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MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)

CURRENT STATE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

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[redacted] on June 3, 1948, made available a dues report based on reports received through May 4, 1948, prepared by the New York State Communist Party. This report reflected the following membership of New York State as of April 1948:

New York County.....	9,790
Kings County.....	7,009
Bronx County.....	4,257
Queens County.....	1,764
Richmond County.....	76
Nassau County.....	402
Westchester County.....	416
Mid-Hudson Section.....	128
Garment Section.....	525
Cultural Division.....	1,239
North East Sub-District.....	267
West New York Sub-District..	722
Members at Large.....	222
Unassigned.....	73
Total	<u>26,890</u>

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At New York, New York:

Will follow and report pertinent activities of District #2, CP-USA, for the quarterly period beginning July 1 and ending September 30, 1948.

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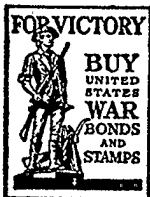
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For original evidence see exhibit # 1B63 in file # 100-80638.

Description of exhibit:

A typewritten letter dated July 26, 1948 on stationery of CP of New York State to May Miller, Membership Committee from Bill Norman, Org. Sec'y, who is asking for information on the Membership Committee for the coming period.



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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, INTERAID INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISES CP LEADERS FROM NEW JERSEY ATTENDED MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH NATIONAL LEADERS YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT AT WHICH COMPLETELY NEW INTERAID INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION ISSUED. REGISTRATION FOR INTERAID FORWORTH WILL COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY NEXT AND END JANUARY FIRST. NO PARTY BOOKS OR CARDS TO BE ISSUED AND NO LISTS OF NAMES WILL BE MAINTAINED MAINTAINED FOR SECURITY REASONS. LISTS BEARING NUMBERS WILL BE FURNISHED A FEW REPUTABLE COMRADES CHOSEN BY LEADERS AND REGISTRATION OF EACH CLUB WILL BE TAKEN OF THESE LISTS. THE LISTS ARE NEVER TO LEAD THE HANDS OF THE COMRADES TO WHOM THEY ARE ISSUED. NO NAMES WILL BE RECORDED IN ANY PARTY RECORDS BUT NUMBER AND COLOR SYSTEMS WILL BE USED. THERE IS TO BE NO UNIFORM SYSTEM IN MAINTAINING RECORDS. STAMPS FOR DUES WILL BE USED COMRADES UPON PAYMENT OF DUES BUT WILL BE TORN UP IN HIS PRESENCE. DAILY WORKER SUBSCRIPTION BLANKS WILL BE REVISED TO ELIMINATE NAME AND CLUB OR ORGANIZATION TO WHICH SUBSCRIBER BELONGS.

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Description of exhibit:

A two page Dues report- 1948 of the CP of New York State, based on reports received through June 22, 1948 listing the organization, the membership and dues paid for January through June, the 1948 convention assessments and the 1948 initiations.



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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

Open Drive to Recruit 5,000 from Industry

The National Committee of the Communist Party has issued a letter to all Communist Party organizations and members announcing a recruiting drive for 5,000 industrial workers to be carried out in the months of November and December. The letter is printed below in full.

TO ALL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS:
TO ALL PARTY MEMBERS:
COMRADES:

Leading Party workers of the Eastern and Mid-Western Districts gathered at the two recent Conferences on Industrial Concentration, unanimously recommended a campaign to recruit industrial workers into our Party. Welcoming their initiative, the National Committee inaugurates such a campaign with a goal to be carried through during the months of November and December.

We are certain that the same Marxist-Leninist understanding and Communist determination displayed at the Chicago and New York conferences will move the whole Party to greet and respond to this campaign.

The present all-out effort to weaken, outlaw and destroy the Communist Party is aimed at smashing the trade unions and breaking the people's resistance to Wall Street's advance toward fascism and war. The enemies of all organized labor, of America's common people and the true interests of our country may unwittingly pay tribute to our Party by singling it out for particularly vicious persecution.

THE DEFENSE of the rights of the Communists is the first line of defense of the American people's rights. The decision to launch this special industrial recruiting campaign, on the eve of the frame-up trial of the 12 members of our National Committee shows that our Party recognizes that this testing time of our ability to hold that line especially requires that we strengthen our Party's political influence and organizational base among the industrial workers.

Furthermore, this is the time to recruit among the industrial workers because the very violence of reaction's assault is teaching them that capitalism is bankrupt and less and less able to meet their demands with anything but more violence.

Experience is also teaching them that those in labor's ranks who preach class collaboration and capitulation to the foreign and domestic policies of Wall Street and its twin political parties are incapable of defending the workers' living standards and democratic rights.

Already the betrayals of the Democratic and Republican Parties have awakened millions to the end of forming a people's anti-war and anti-monopoly party—the new Progressive Party.

Already the workers are learning the bitter lesson that Taft-Hartleyism strikes at all labor, without distinction between right and left. Those unions whose officers accommodated themselves to the Taft-Hartley law have not been spared crushing line injunctions and crushing fines. The National Labor Relations Board, appointed by Truman, is attempting to wipe out all the gains won through hard years of labor struggle. A few days ago it moved to outlaw the elementary right to picket, and invited open-shop employers to replace striking workers with scabs. Three leaders of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, headed by the notorious red-baiter David Dubinsky, have been indicted for trying to wipe out the open shop.

WE COMMUNISTS say that the common people, and in the

peace, against inflation, for civil liberties and for equal rights for the Negro people. Millions of workers, not yet ready to join our Party, can be organized to join in united front actions and to work with the Communists in defense of their most immediate interests.

The most advanced workers will join our Party because they will become convinced that we are the only Party that stands for a fundamental solution to their problems, and therefore also the Party best able to contribute to the solution of the problems that press most heavily on them today. Of course, new difficulties exist and red-baiting has infected some workers. But today's intensified attacks against the workers are multiplying the numbers of those whose own experiences is teaching them that our Party program is correct, and is arousing their response to our call to struggle. No attacks can prevent the growth of our Party, if we work correctly.

Our efforts to reach the masses in the remaining days of the election campaign, and to rally them against the frame-up attempt to outlaw our Party through the trial of the 12 indicted members of our National Committee, will prepare the ground for successful recruiting, especially among the working class. Therefore, all community and youth clubs, as well as the shop, industrial clubs, should redouble their efforts to reach the industrial workers with these vital issues.

THE POLICY of industrial concentration is a permanent and basic policy of our Communist Party. As our National Convention re-emphasized, this is so because the working class is the most advanced class in every nation—as well as the majority class in our country. Our Party is primarily the party of the American working class—although of course it welcomes into its ranks the most advanced among the intellectuals, working farmers and other groups oppressed by the big monopolies.

Today, the American monopolists are the most powerful in this whole capitalist world. They are plotting world war, fascism and economic crisis, and preparing barbarous vengeance against the American workers and people. Only a strong Communist Party, rooted among the industrial workers, can help the working class lead the nation to peace, democracy and economic security. Only such a Party can help bring into being a people's front of resistance powerful enough to curb and defeat the Wall Street warmongers and pro-fascists. Only such a Party can give the workers the perspective of a socialist society, which will banish forever the recurring threat of reaction, fascism and war.

The big campaign of industrial recruiting in the early thirties, enabled our Party to help lay the foundation for the organization of the mass production workers and the birth of the CIO. This new and big campaign of industrial recruiting, which must involve our whole Party, can equip it to help today's powerful labor movement fulfill its historic task, and pass from the defensive to a stage of new advance.

We call upon the Party to imbue all our Party members and clubs with full political understanding of this industrial campaign, and to organize their active participation in its realization.

We call upon all Party organizations and all Party members to redouble their election activity and their defense of the Party, and to assure the recruiting of 5,000 industrial workers by standing in the front line of every struggle against war, fascism and monopoly exploitation.

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SAC LETTER NO. 140
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(B) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP - INTERNAL SECURITY - C -- Information has been received that national leaders of the Communist Party have issued completely new instructions in regard to the registration of the Communist Party members for 1949. This registration is scheduled to take place from November 15, 1948, to January 1, 1949. It has been reported that for security reasons no Party books or cards are to be issued and no lists of names will be maintained. It is said that lists bearing numbers will be furnished to a few reliable comrades chosen by Party leaders and the registration of each club will be reflected on these lists.

According to the above-mentioned instructions, the lists are not to leave the hands of the comrades to whom they are issued. No names will be recorded in any Party records but, instead, number and color systems are to be used. It is also indicated that there will be no uniform system in maintaining these records. Stamps for dues will be issued to Party members upon the payment of dues but will be torn up in the presence of the Party members.

"Daily Worker" subscription blanks are to be revised in order to eliminate the name and club or organization to which a subscriber belongs.

Each office should be particularly alert during the period of the Party registration to obtain all information possible concerning the number and identity of Party members who are registering for 1949. You should set out in the quarterly report on the Communist Party, which report is due at the Bureau on January 20, 1949, the pertinent information you have obtained in this matter.

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Thomas Puts U. S. Reds at 115,000

Says Only About 75,000 Hold Cards—Wants New Congress to Outlaw Party.

Representative J. Parnell Thomas (R.-N. J.) estimated today that there are between 115,000 and 135,000 Communists in the United States.

The chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities said in a telephone interview at his home that only about 75,000 of this number actually hold party cards, but the others "are just as active Communists."

"The Communist party," Thomas added, "is essentially an underground party, and anything the Communists can do to cover up their revolutionary tactics and movements they would naturally do."

Forecast Anti-red Legislation.

Thomas suggested passage of legislation to bring the Communists out in the open. He predicted that legislation similar to the Mundt-Nixon bill would be introduced at the next session of Congress.

The Mundt-Nixon bill was passed by the House earlier this year, but failed to get by the Senate. It would have required Communist organizations to register with the Department of Justice and file the names and addresses of their officers. Any person who joined or remained a member of an unregistered organization would have been subject to heavy penalties.

"There will be a strong bloc in the Congress urging outlawing of

the Communist party," Thomas said.

See Front Groups Obsolete.

He declined, however, to comment on the chances of passage of such a measure.

The Communist party has gotten away from the use of front organizations because the Committee on Un-American Activities found it very easy to expose them and they found they weren't getting anywhere, Thomas said. He asserted that the "largest concentration" of Communists is in New York city, with other large concentrations also in Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, and Pittsburgh.

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State C.P. Urges Big Registration Turnout

The New York State Communist Party yesterday called for a maximum effort for registration and enrollment to guarantee a progressive victory on Nov. 2. The statement cited primary results in New York State and Michigan as proof of an extension of third party sentiment, and predicted a record vote for Wallace, Marcantonio, Isacson and Gerson.

The full text of the statement follows:

With the opening of the registration and enrollment period for 1948 (Sept. 27-Oct. 2 in New York City and Westchester County; Oct. 1, 2, 8 and 9 upstate), the decisive stage of the election battle has been reached. The period of exploratory skirmishes is over. The time for actual lining up of forces by each side in this great struggle between the camp of peace and democracy and that of war and fascism is here!

Victory depends on the extent to which labor and progressives are able to crystallize the vast potential and constantly increasing Wallace sentiment into votes on the ALP line on Election Day. The best guarantee is the size of the ALP enrollment.

A maximum Labor enrollment would resoundingly puncture the strictly spurious Truman boom now being launched by a motley crew of Social Democrats, Right Wing labor leaders and corrupt machine politicians, with a vigor completely undisplayed for the real needs of the people. It would rout the concerted tri-partisan drive, born of desperation, to prevent the maximum Third Party vote at all costs. The very frenzy with which this drive is being conducted is the best

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proof of the hollowness of their claims of a decline in Wallace sentiment.

Every sign points to an extension of Wallace and Third Party sentiment in the communities, in the labor movement, and among the Negro people. This primary results in our state indicated the deep dissatisfaction of many Democrats and Republicans with the "guns-not-butter" policy of both old parties. Liberal Party voters show growing disillusionment with the unholy alliance between their top leaders and the most corrupt, reactionary political bosses. Primary results in Michigan reinforce this estimate of strong Wallace sentiment and of growing revolt within the ranks of the old-line political parties.

All these signs add up to the possibilities of a record vote for Wallace, Marcantonio, Isacson, Gerson and other progressive candidates.

This vote cannot be achieved without the maximum labor enrollment. Now is the time for labor and progressive forces of our state to perfect the election district machinery for the most intensive house-to-house election campaign.

A record registration is expected in New York City, but a large registration in itself is no guarantee that the size of the ALP and Communist vote will be of the propor-

tions necessary and possible. The guarantee is to convince all who wish a Progressive victory to enroll Labor now! To secure this result every people's organization, Negro veterans, youth and women's groups must make registration and enrollment their key activity from now until the last day of registration.

Communists have a special responsibility. As always, we must set the example by our actions. We urge all our members to spare no effort to help secure this maximum Labor enrollment. To do that you must start with yourself, your family and friends. Be the first to register! Register and enroll on the first day of registration, Sept. 27, 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.! Secure the registration and enrollment of at least four others!

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Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is information obtained by [redacted] on 11-12-48 from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers! Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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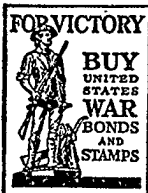
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Very truly yours,



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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA MEMBERSHIP
DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION
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[redacted] made available to this office on 10/5/48^{b7D}
an article of literature entitled, "Party Building Drive". The article relates
the activities and events which the CP plans to use in its membership drive.
The literature was obtained by the informant on 10/4/48 at the Jefferson Section
headquarters, Room 216, 201 West 72nd Street, N.Y.C.

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TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - JULY 1st, TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1948

New National Committee of thirteen elected at Fourteenth National Convention of CP, USA, August 2 - 6, 1948. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and EUGENE DENNIS re-elected National Chairman and General Secretary of CP, USA, respectively. CP, USA has increased its national membership from 52,800 in 1945 to more than 60,000 by mid-1948. National Office of CP, USA subsidizes eighteen CP districts. Budget for 1948 estimates expenses at \$275,874.80 and income at \$294,000. CP contemplates breaking up into small groups of five comrades, headed by Group Captain, as possible security measure. CP, USA continues to use confidential mailing addresses. EARL BROWDER'S appeal for re-admission to CP rejected because of his anti-Party activities. Other groups of expelled CP members remain active though of little influence. Messages of sympathy sent by Communist Parties in many foreign countries following indictment and arrest of twelve National Board members on 7/20/48. CP, USA characterized attempted assassinations of PALMIRO TOGLIATTI and KYUCHI TOKUDA, Italian and Japanese Italian leaders, respectively, as provocation of American imperialism. Full de jure recognition of Israel and recall of Count BERNADOTTE demanded by CP, USA. CP, USA continues to advocate Puerto Rican independence. Election Committee of twenty-five formed by CP, USA to initiate most intensive campaign in CP history. Full CP support given to newly formed Progressive Party and concurrent attempts made to build CP while building Progressive Party. All

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out campaign launched in defense of twelve indicted officials. Little activity noted by CP, USA in Veterans' affairs. CP, USA favors further building and extension of influence of Young Progressives of America. CP, USA continues to plan for founding of independent, non-Party youth organization based on Marxist - Leninist principles, with AYD providing broad base for projected group. Women's Committee in CP Districts urged to take initiative in stimulating action on such issues as peace, high cost of living and civil rights legislation. Chronic weakness among farmers in practically every CP District admitted. ALBERT E. KAHN, ELLA WINTER, J. O. DAVIDSON, DONALD OGDEN STEWART and other Communist-liners, among American Delegation to World Congress of Intellectuals held in Warsaw, Poland, August, 1948. ARNOLD JOHNSON replaced STEVE NELSON as Secretary of National Group Commission, CP, USA. Continued downward demand for Marxist-Leninist literature indicated by CP, USA. Renewed interest in Marxist-Leninist theory stressed in educational program of CP, USA.

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MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)

HENRY WINSTON'S REPORT AT NATIONAL
COMMUNIST PARTY CONVENTION

HENRY WINSTON, Organization Secretary, CP USA, in delivering a report on Party Building at the Fourth Session of the 14th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, held in New York City August 2nd through 6th, 1948, according to Confidential Informant T-1, stated that membership of the Party nationally under EARL BROWDER in 1945 had been 52,800 but at present was more than 60,000.

In commenting on the composition of the Party, WINSTON noted that in the last three years the industrial composition had increased only by $\frac{1}{2}\%$ and at present 51% of the membership was industrial, 11% being basic. At the same time, he said, the Party's trade union membership in the last few years showed a decline from 46% to 44%. He observed that 28% of the trade union membership of the Party belonged to various CIO unions, $13\frac{1}{2}\%$ in AFL and $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ in independent unions. He indicated that approximately 7% of the Party's industrial workers were not members of any union.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - JULY 1st, TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1948

New State Committee of fifteen members elected at Fourteenth New York State Communist Party Convention, NYC, July 16, 17 and 18, 1948. ROBERT THOMPSON and WILLIAM NORMAN re-elected Chairman and Secretary of District #2, respectively. District #2 had membership of 28,391 as of 9/30/48, with 2,334 recruits obtained in period January - August, 1948. Only slightly more than fifty per cent of dues paid in by members of District #2 during period January - September, 1948. CP members still security conscious and continue to make use of confidential mailing addresses. Expelled Communist splinter groups continue their factional activities in District #2. Despite repeated efforts of CP to place SIMON W. GERSON in NYC Council seat vacated by death of Communist City Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE, no tangible progress realized. CP of NYC fully mobilized to help re-elect Congressmen VITO MARCANTONIO and LEO ISACSON and insure success of Wallace-Taylor Progressive Party ticket and various ALP candidates in November General Elections. Creation of housing commission proposed in District #2 to coordinate political action and lay groundwork for housing movement. High cost of living and child care work also emphasized as issues, by District #2. Steps planned by District #2 to rectify neglect of Veterans' problems in Party. District #2 endorsed proposal that new non-Party Marxist-Leninist youth organization be established but warned against liquidationist

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tendencies in AYD. Strengthening of work among women urged, with concentration on Wallace movement, tenants and consumers activities and child care. District #2 hopeful of winning support in rural areas by militant alliance between workers and farmers. Cultural Division of District #2 had membership of 1,256 as of 9/30/48. Various proposals made at State Convention for developing and strengthening Party's concentration work in key national groups of NYC and Upstate. State Literature Department stressing literature to be used in struggle against National Board indictments. District Educational Department making efforts to raise level of Marxist-Leninist theory.

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MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)

WILLIAM NORMAN'S REPORT AT NEW YORK
STATE COMMUNIST PARTY CONVENTION

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that WILLIAM NORMAN, Organizational Secretary, New York State Communist Party, delivered a report on the status of Party organization at the 14th Convention of the New York State Communist Party held in New York City on July 16, 17, and 18, 1948. Among other things he reported that since 1945 the New York Communist Party had increased its membership from 23,000 to 28,000 dues paying members. According to NORMAN, in New York City there was one Communist to every 300 citizens.

WILLIAM NORMAN'S COMMENTS AT NATIONAL
COMMUNIST PARTY CONVENTION

According to Confidential Informant T-4, WILLIAM NORMAN spoke at the Fifth Session of the 14th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, held in New York City August 2nd through 6th, 1948. In outlining the organizational work of the Party in New York State, he said that since 1945 New York had grown from 23,000 to 26,500 by the end of 1947 and 28,000 at the present time. He indicated that the Negro membership in New York State had grown from 1,532 in 1946 to 2,244 in 1947.

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NORMAN reluctantly pointed out that while New York State had registered 26,000 members in 1947, only 1500 recruits had been obtained in the first seven months of 1948 and he observed that at this rate of recruiting, New York State faced the alarming prospective of winding up the year with less than 25,000 members.

Confidential Informant T-9 advised that in September, 1948, HENRY WINSTON, Organization Secretary, Communist Party, USA, prepared a memorandum for WILLIAM NORMAN in which he jotted down a number of thoughts that had come to his mind in connection with Party growth and the general perspective in relation to Party building as it related to the New York District.

In connection with the general trend, WINSTON pointed out he noted a general trend of growth since 1944; for instance, at the end of 1944 there were registered 23,454 members, in 1945 a decline to 22,318, an increase in 1946 to 25,071 and a still further increase to 26,299 in 1947.

WINSTON said that in basic industry since 1945 the New York District had essentially held its own; for instance, the 1945 registration revealed 2,061 employed in basic industry, 1,971 in 1946 and 2,070 in 1947.

On the otherhand, WINSTON observed, there was a substantial increase in those employed in light industry: 4,696 in 1945, 5,589 in 1946, and 6,343 in 1947.

WINSTON noted there had been a decline in the District's trade union membership from 3,586 in 1946 to 3,402 in 1947.

NEW YORK STATE CP MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Confidential Informant T-10 made available a dues report of the New York State Communist Party based on reports received through September 30, 1948. This report reflected the following membership in New York State as of that date:

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New York County	10,318
Kings County	7,274
Bronx County	4,585
Queens County	1,964
Richmond County	79
Westchester-Rockland-Putnam Counties	458
Nassau-Suffolk Counties	473
Mid-Hudson Section	145
Cultural Division	1,256
Garment Section	531
New York Division Total	<u>27,083</u>
Northeastern Sub-District	280
Western Sub-District	806
Up-State Total	<u>1,086</u>
Members at Large	215
Unassigned	7
New York State Grand Total	<u>28,391</u>

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NEW YORK STATE CP RECRUITING STATISTICS

Confidential Informant T-11 furnished the following figures concerning the number of recruits obtained by the New York State Communist Party from January through August, 1948:

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New York County	947
Kings County	485
Bronx County	491
Queens County	160
Richmond County	0
Westchester-Rockland-Putnam Counties	15
Nassau-Suffolk Counties	15
Mid-Hudson Section	0
Cultural Division	93
Garment Section	33
New York Division Total	<u>2,239</u>
Northeastern Sub-District	14
Western Sub-District	81
Up-State Total	<u>95</u>

New York State Grand Total 2,334

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Copies of a "Bulletin", issued by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party on August 22, 1948, containing reports, speeches, discussions and resolutions of the Fourteenth New York State Communist Party Convention, held in New York City, July 16, 17 and 18, 1948, mentioned frequently in this report, which were obtained by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were transmitted to the Bureau by letter dated September 22, 1948, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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[redacted] made available to the Milwaukee Office evidence believed to concern the above captioned subject, which is being forwarded herewith. The exhibits were obtained from Room 902 of the Manhattan Building, 617 North Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which is occupied by the Communist Party of Wisconsin.

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Letter dated 10-25-48 from Communist Party, USA, to all youth directors

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Letter dated 11-9-48 from SAM WISEMAN - CP, USA - to all districts inclosing leaflets

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Two-page letter from HENRY WINSTON for the National Committee - CP, USA - to all Party organizations and members concerning industrial concentration *see 1B68*

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Letter dated 10-20-48 from HENRY WINSTON - CP, USA - to all districts regarding impending imprisonment of Comrade DENNIS

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Letter dated 10-21-48 from SAM WISEMAN for the National Defense Committee - CP, USA - to all district section and trade union directors regarding trade union petition

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Letter dated 10-22-48 from SAM WISEMAN for the National Defense Committee - CP, USA - to all district party organizations regarding campaign of CRC Fighting Fund

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Letter dated 10-23-48 from JOHN WILLIAMSON - CP, USA - to all district committees, attention labor section, on signatures for trade union petition

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Letter dated 10-25-48 to all districts from MARIAN BACHRACH, regarding ten-minute speech by *5:15* ~~10:15~~ BLOOR.

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Letter dated October 27, 1948, from MARIAN RACHRACH,
Public Relations Director - CP, USA - to all districts
regarding appeal by Comrade DENNIS.

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Letter dated 10-29-48 to all districts from MARIAN
RACHRACH, Public Relations Department, enclosing
material to be used on the case of the 12 indicted
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607 U. S. Court House
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Jan. 5, 1949

Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
MEMBERSHIP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitting herewith is information obtained by [redacted] on 12/29/48 from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

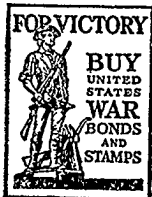
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Description of exhibit:

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A 1 page typewritten list bearing heading "Dues & Recruiting - Oct. & Nov." and showing the number of members, the dues, and the number of recruits for 30 listed districts for the period.



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Very truly yours,

[Signature]
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York 7, New York

January 5, 1949

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
MEMBERSHIP
DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated 10/14/48 [redacted] advised of a meeting of the "Pacesetters" of the N.Y. County C.P. on 10/10/48. This group is so called as its aim is to stimulate the sections and branches in recruiting drives. Prizes were given at this meeting to those members who did outstanding recruiting work.

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Details of the meeting are set out in the informant's report and separate memos have been submitted on all individuals who were present.

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SA

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cc: 100-26603-C42
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100-84088 (Dora Deutchman)
100-44781 (Clara March Lester)
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PACESETTERS MEETING OF N.Y. COUNTY, CP

10/10/48

This meeting is one of a series of recruiters meetings being held by the county to stimulate the sections and branches in the recruiting drive.

There were 150 people present with CLARA MARCH LISTER presiding.

The meeting was very different than the usual routine of a "name" speaker giving a pep talk followed by lesser speakers.

CLARA stated that the masses were definitely on the up swing toward socialism and that all our party members had to do was go out and ask them to join the C.P.

The county had taken a quota of 700 recruits by Oct. 10th and our region, the lower West Side, took a quota of 110. We recruited 78 members.

DORA DEUTCHMAN, Regional membership director of Lower West Side gave a report on how the recruiting was done. The bulk of the new members are in the age group of 18 to 25 years old. Most of the recruits are in heavy industry. She stated that the best approach was house to house canvassing. That street meetings seldom yielded recruits and that people who join the Party today, are quality recruits.

The lower West Side Region won the banner for obtaining the greatest number of recruits.

Prizes were given out to members who had increased the membership of the C.P.

In the West Midtown Section prize winners were: JOHN SKELIN, CAROLINE SCOLLEN, FLORENCE KIPOWSKY, and HELEN COLLEN.

ALMA GARCIA, Organizer of the Apassionarie Branch told the audience how her members had recruited 14 Puerto Ricans to the Party on an eviction issue.

HENRY WINSTON delivered greetings from the National Committee to the meeting.

The County decided to increase its recruiting pledge to 1,000 and the regions all increased theirs. The drive is to end on the 15th of October.

A buffet dinner was served. Among those present not mentioned previously in the report were:

GEORGE BLAKE, BETTY GARNETT, FRANK ASHER, JIM TOTNEY, LENNY LEVENSON, BEN SIMINOWSKY, SID TOBIAS, EVELYN WEINER, "SARKY", BILL LEWIS, EVELYN GUILBERT, MATTIE WHITE, ANGELA CALOMIRIS, SYLVIA CHUSE, JOHNNY BOBITCH.

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10/14/48

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

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Jan. 6, 1949

MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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For original evidence see exhibit # 1370 in file # 100-80638.

Description of exhibit:

Two page mimeographed "Dues Report - 1948, CP of New York State (Based on Reports Received through Sept. 30, 1948)". The report contains the nine Monthly Dues Lists, the 1948 Convention Assessment list, and the 1948 Recruits and Initiation Paid list broken down into the various sections in New York State.



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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~January 17, 1949~~

Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
MEMBERSHIP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitting herewith is information obtained by [redacted] on December 29, 1948 from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker"; and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

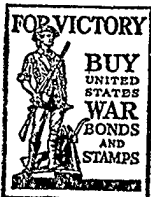
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Description of exhibit:

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A list of registration figures as of Jan. 7th for the various districts in the CP USA.



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Very truly yours,

[Signature]
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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- NIGHT SUPERVISOR
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- MR. RING
- MR. SKANNON
- MR. TUOHY
- MR. WATSON
- CHIEF CLERK
- PROPERTY CLERK
- TRAINING UNIT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: February 3, 1949

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to your letter of January 17, 1949, in the captioned matter with which you submitted a list of registration figures obtained by [redacted] on December 29, 1948. This list bore the caption "Registration Figure Jan. 7". It would therefore appear that the list in question was prepared on January 7, 1948, and that the figures appearing thereon concern the Party's 1947 membership. This is being brought to your attention merely to point out the necessity for continuing efforts being made to obtain up-to-date information concerning Communist Party membership. The data which you forwarded to the Bureau is, of course, of considerable interest but naturally would have been of greater value if it had been available earlier in 1948.

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Director, FBI

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

MEMORANDUM
BUFILE 100-3-68

For the information of the Bureau and the New York Office, b7D
 advised on 2-11-49 that MICHAEL A. RUSSO, Chairman of the Connecticut Communist Party furnished the following information in connection with the National CP Recruiting Drive for new members. MICHAEL A. RUSSO indicated that a goal of one hundred industrial workers as new recruits has been established by the CP as part of this campaign; that of this quota, ten are to be in the Hartford area, and approximately fifty from the Bridgeport area. In Bridgeport, according to the informant, the Communists aspire to recruiting the following number of industrial workers as new members in the vital industries indicated below:

General Electric Company	-	25
Columbia Recording Company	-	10
Bridgeport Brass Company	-	10
Westinghouse Electric Company		5

RUSSO indicated that the ten in Hartford area must be well spread out and from as many industrial plants as possible.

This would very definitely indicate a tendency on the part of the Communist Party of Connecticut at the present to infiltrate industrial plants with new members. This will undoubtedly be true throughout the CP districts in the United States. The Connecticut angles of this are being followed by the New Haven Office.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/14/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/13-2/4/49	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - OCTOBER 1st TO DECEMBER 31, 1948

Defense Committee formed to direct National Campaign of CPUSA for 12 indicted Communist leaders. SIDNEY STEIN elected National CP Assistant Labor Secretary and PETTIS PERRY named Chairman of National CP Negro Commission. National CP membership listed at 63,000. Recruiting drive initiated by CPUSA for 5,000 industrial members during November and December, 1948. National CP Election Campaign Committee had \$20,000.00 at its disposal. Civil Rights Congress Defense Fund Drive for \$250,000.00 lagging at end of year. Proposed 1949 CPUSA budget anticipates income of \$374,000.00 and expenditures of \$400,000.00. "Dollar Bill" method of effecting transfers between districts to be revived in 1949. No 1949 CP membership books to be issued, Confidential mailing addresses believed being utilized by CPUSA set forth. Activity of expelled factional groups of CPUSA apparently diminishing. CPUSA continues to viciously attack Marshall Plan. CPUSA, in "Daily Worker", gave wide currency to messages from foreign Communist Parties condemning coming trial of 12. CPUSA reported to have sent \$5,000.00 to CP of Israel. VICTOR A. YAKHONTOFF, pro-Communist free lance writer and propagandist, now employed as translator in Russian Section of UN. CPUSA of belief that Progressive Party, even though it achieved low vote, demonstrated that Third Party is possible in US and that Progressive Party emerged as influential force in American political life. Legislative program of CPUSA for 81st Congress demands repeal of Taft-Hartley Act, curb on inflation, abolition of House Committee on Un-American

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Activities and enactment of Civil Rights Program. Warnings voiced by American Press concerning sabotage and disruptive capabilities and potentialities of American Communists in event of hostilities between US and USSR. 400 World War II veterans, in October, 1948, petitioned President and Attorney General to dismiss "frame-up" indictments against 12 Communist leaders. Dr. W. E. B. DuBOIS ousted as Research Director of NAACP purportedly because of his consistent adherence to CP line. AYD now defunct but launching of new Marxist youth organization has been postponed. CAW used extensively as women's mouthpiece for CPUSA. Agricultural platform of Progressive Party endorsed by CPUSA. 500 leaders in arts and sciences, affiliated with National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, backed HENRY WALLACE. Financial condition of "Morning Freiheit" worsening. CPUSA critical of pamphlet on Religion issued by House Committee on Un-American Activities. CPUSA preparing and issuing pamphlets and informative data in connection with 12 indictees. Research Committee set up by CPUSA to develop and supply regular factional information.

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Reference:

Bureau file 100-3
Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, 12/15/48, New York.

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 New York file 100-4931
 Period: 10/1-12/31/48

MEMBERSHIP
 (Bureau file 100-3-68)
 (New York file 100-80638)

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1948

- [redacted] made available a dues and recruiting report for October and November, 1948 of the CP, USA, as follows:

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District	October 1st Membership	October Recruits	November Recruits
New England	1,429	18	13
New York	28,480	173	403
Eastern			
Pennsylvania	2,620	42	30
Maryland	963	5	10
Western			
Pennsylvania	736	9	14
Ohio	2,959	29	26
Michigan	1,704	31	30
Illinois	4,273	63	26
Minnesota	956	3	4
Indiana	675	3	2
Oregon	325	-	1
Northwest	1,936	28	17
California	8,709	96	65
New Jersey	2,203	20	74
Connecticut	1,047	9	19
Wisconsin	893	3	6
Colorado	300	-	-
Missouri	539	-	-
West Virginia	196	-	-
Texas	432	9	-
Louisiana	293	-	-
Total carried forward.	61,668	551	650

Total brought forward:

	61,668	541	670
Florida	217	-	2
Virginia	141	-	-
Alabama	427	4	10
Oklahoma	225	4	-
North and South Carolina	221	8	8
Montana	61	-	-
Georgia	103	-	-
Iowa	172	1	-
Utah	94	1	-
Total	63,009	559	690

RECRUITING DRIVE FOR 5,000 INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS, NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 1948

[redacted] furnished an undated two-page letter from HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organizational Secretary, to all party organizations and party members which was printed in "The Worker" for October 24, 1948, Section I, Page 9, Column 2.

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The letter said that leading party workers of the Eastern and Midwestern districts gathered at two recent Conferences on Industrial Concentration, unanimously recommending a campaign to recruit industrial workers into the party; that in accordance therewith the national committee was inaugurating such a campaign with a goal to be carried through during the months of November and December, 1948.

The letter stated that "only a strong Communist Party, rooted among the industrial workers, can help the working class lead the nation to peace, democracy and economic security...."

"We call upon all party organizations and all party members to redouble their election activity and their defense of the party, and to assure the recruiting of 5,000 industrial workers...."

4. The membership department of the new district will compare the serial number mailed to them with the dollar bill itself when presented by the comrade being transferred.
5. The club from which the comrade is being transferred will forward his name and the new address given it by the transferee before leaving by courier through the following route: Club to section; section to county; county to district; district to national office; national office to new district; new district to county, section, and finally to the club in the appropriate area.
 - a) If the comrade transferred does not contact the new district by the time his name and address arrives by courier, the district membership department will give the club in the appropriate area this name and address, and request the club to contact this member. Here again, the method of identification will be by comparison of the number furnished by the district office with the dollar bill in the possession of the transferee.
 - b) This letter method is designed to furnish and follow through on the progress of the more direct transfer by dollar bill.
6. In those districts where there is no Party office, or in areas where comrades going to a new district are hesitant to contact the Party office, and have no certain forwarding address, when they leave, the transferee will be required before leaving to arrange to send his new address to a person in his old club. This person will give the new address to the club membership director, who will then forward the address by courier, through the channels just described. The transferee will then be contacted at his new address by a representative of the district to which he has moved. Identification will be by dollar bill.
7. Comrades being transferred will be required to have their dues paid up to and including the month of transfer.
8. An appropriate form will be drawn up for the information required. The following form is suggested:

TO _____ (CITY) _____ (STATE) _____

NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

FROM CLUB _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

This is for your further follow-through. (Remarks, if any,
on other side.)

II. TRANSFERS WITHIN A DISTRICT.

1. In the case of transfer from one county or section to another county or section within the same district, the dollar bill system will be used, as well as the same method of checkup using the name and address of the transferee. A similar form to the one above to be employed. The date of this change will also be Jan. 1, 1949.
2. In large cities like New York, Chicago and San Francisco, intra-city transfers will be handled by the present method.

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It is felt that the above system will have three beneficial effects:

- 1) The dollar bill method will speed up transfers and overcome the long delays now necessitated because names and addresses can only be transferred by courier.
- 2) The method of identification by a specific serial number on a specific dollar bill will tighten security in connection with transfers.
- 3) The name and address of the transferee arriving later by courier, will serve as a reminder and a check-point in the new district.

"In order to make an immediate improvement in the transfer process, representatives of the following districts will meet weekly to make direct exchange of transfers: (using the present forms until January 1): New York, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

Duplicates will of course be furnished to the National Office in these cases as well."

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LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the Communist Party, USA, for the quarterly period beginning January 1, 1949 and ending March 31, 1949.

Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Buffalo and Newark offices in view of their contiguity and interest in the activities of the Communist Party, USA.

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INFORMANT PAGE

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, dated February 14, 1949 at New York, New York, are as follows:

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TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA DISTRICT #2 NEW YORK DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - OCTOBER 1st TO DECEMBER 31, 1948

HENRY PARASH named New York State CP Press Director, HERBERT WHEFDLIN assumed post of Harlem CP Regional Executive Secretary. HOWARD JOHNSON elected New York State CP Educational Director. TED VINCENT appointed Chairman of Nassau-Suffolk Counties CP organization. New York State CP membership given at 28,480 on October 1, 1948. Bank activity of CP in four major New York City boroughs showed activity of over \$1,000,000.00 during 1948. Security consciousness continues to prevail in District #2. Anti-Party groups in District #2 relatively inactive even though numerous expulsions occurred during 1948. District #2 advocates full independence for Israel. With exception of Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO'S re-election, all candidates supported and endorsed by CP in District #2 were defeated in November elections. SIMON W. GERSON decisively defeated in his bid for New York City Council. Comprehensive legislative program for New York State and program of action to abate high cost of living in New York City projected by District #2. Increased benefits and assistance demanded for veterans by District #2. CP appears to be losing some of its strength and influence among Negroes in Harlem. Young Progressives of New York State founded in December, 1948. Women's Commission of District #2 engaged in variety of activities. Farmers indicated by CP to be more "progressive minded" than many farm organizations and their heads. 500 leaders in arts and sciences, affiliated with National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, supported HENRY WALLACE. "Morning Freiheit" in precarious financial

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condition. Roman Catholic Hierarchy attacked by CP as allying themselves with imperialism and reaction. Elaborate program for training schools and classes planned by District #2 for period November, 1948 to June, 1949.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-3-4
Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, 12/16/48, New York.

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New York File 100-26603
Period: 10/1-12/31/48.

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau file 100-3-68)
(New York file 100-80638)

[REDACTED] made available a dues and recruiting report for the New York State Communist Party for the months of October and November, 1948, which indicated that as of October 1, 1948, the New York State Communist Party membership was 28,480 and that a total of 173 recruits had been obtained in October and 403 in November.

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Based on the dues report for September 30, 1948, as set forth in referenced report, which reflected that there was a total state membership of 28,391 on that date, this would indicate a growth in membership of 89 during the month of October 1948.

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NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will follow and report pertinent activities of District #2, Communist Party, USA, for the quarterly period beginning January 1, 1949 and ending March 31, 1949.

Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Buffalo and Newark offices in view of their contiguity and interest in the activities of District #2, Communist Party, USA.

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INFORMANT PAGE

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, dated February 15, 1949 at New York, New York, are as follows:

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[REDACTED] This series of symbols has been utilized to further protect the identity of this informant because of the frequent reference thereto in all sections of this report.

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[REDACTED] who requested his identity not be disclosed.

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[REDACTED] New York City, Identity withheld at request.

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Confidential mail box maintained by New York Office.

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Undisclosed confidential source of Los Angeles Office.

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Highly confidential and reliable source making available contents of communications directed [Redacted]

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Confidential source of Baltimore Office who [Redacted]

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TO : Director, F.B.I.

DATE: 2/20/49

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
District 4 - Membership
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-3-68)

On December 30, 1948, Baltimore Confidential Informant furnished the following letter written on the letterhead of the Communist Party, USA, New York, over the mimeographed name of JACK KLING, Treasurer. This letter is being set out in full for the information of New York and Washington Field, and the letter is enclosed herewith so that it may be included in the Bureau files.

"TO ALL STATE AND DISTRICT ORG. SEC'YS.

December 1, 1948

"Dear Comrades:

"In this letter we want to take up with you the question of the handling of the 1949 dues stamps.

"Under separate cover we have sent you the following 1949 stamps: January stamps 951; and the same amount for Feb. and March.

"The number of stamps sent you represents a figure slightly larger than the membership on the rolls of your district as of now. We have broken down the stamps and we have sent you the following denominations for each month of the first three months of 1949:

"10¢ 150; 35¢ 350; \$1. 200; \$2. 150; \$5. 100

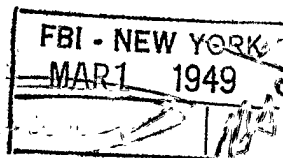
"We may have erred in sending you more stamps of a particular denomination than your district will need and less of other stamps. In that case if you will return the stamps you may not need and ask in exchange for those you will need, we will follow your suggestion. In the middle of February we will send you your quota of stamps for April, May and June.

"Now as to a number of problems:

"1) We must use the registration period to have every member pay up their dues for the year of 1948. This is very important in order to bring every member into good standing - and start the member off right for the New Year with the new dues system.

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cc New York
Washington Field
CC-303A

Enc.
REGISTERED MAIL



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CP, USA, Membership
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"2) Each District must work out the District method of handling the dues in the most effective way within the District. The District will be expected to send to the National Office regularly - and weekly reports and payments for the stamps sold. We want to stress this as a most urgent need for the entire Party.

"2) The setting up and perfecting of the group system will guarantee more consistent contact with each member and the getting of the member to pay his dues regularly. In fact it would be most desirable to create a system whereby during the first two weeks of each month we strive to have the member pay up their dues for that month.

"4) A regular system of pick ups should be developed on all levels of Party organizations for the payments of the stamps sold and to receive the new stamps for the next month, i.e., the club is the place where the group leaders make their report to the financial sec'y, or the person handling dues. A regular reporting night and place is selected on a section level for the people handling dues to make their reports, etc., etc. We know we will need a flexible approach from District to District. But regardless of the method worked out in a district, we must guarantee a) Regular contact with the member; b) Regular monthly payment of dues by the member; c) Regular weekly reports on all levels of the Party organization.

"5) While fighting for monthly payments, there may be individuals who may want to pay dues for a 6-month period or for the year - What do we do about that? While discouraging that practice, there may be good reasons why some comrades prefer to pay for a 6-month period. In such cases we shall accept such payment. When the reports reach the state and from the state to the NO, we shall send to the district these stamps paid for in advance.

"6) Under separate cover we are also sending you reporting sheets which shall be used by the State in sending in their reports to the NO.

"We hope that these points will clarify the handling of the dues question. If you have any questions, please ask them.

Comradely yours,

JACK KLING,

Treasurer"

"nopua-15"

L/Dx.
CP, USA, Membership
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It is noted that the number of stamps sent to District 4 is 951, and according to the letter this represents a figure slightly higher than the membership on the rolls of the district. It further indicates that this number is for two months, thereby indicating that the total membership is possibly around 475 in District 4.

The identifying initials of SA JOSEPH C. TRAINOR and those of Special Employee JOSEPH J. LOEFFLER who assembled the material are on the back of the letter.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

February 28, 1949

Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITING;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is information obtained by on 2/17/49 from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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The original exhibit is being retained in the files of the New York Office.

Description of exhibit:

100-86638-1872

A mimeographed copy of a letter, dated 2/14/49, on stationery bearing letterhead "Communist Party of New York State". It is addressed "To the Counties, Dear Comrades", from May Miller, Org. Department. Letter states as follows: "Enclosed is a letter by Comrade Henry Winston, addressed to all clubs of the Party, dealing with the special industrial drive, scheduled to start on February 25th and ending May first. We would suggest that this letter be taken up and read this week of February 21, at every club meeting, and the initial pledges taken in relation to the recruiting drive."

Enc. (1)
SND:ljr
100-80638

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge



100-86638-185

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

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March 1, 1949

Director, FBI

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY -U.S.A.**
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY -C
BUREAU FILE #100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is information obtained by [redacted] on 2-17-49 from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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Description of exhibit: *100-80638-1B 73*

Undated form letter to all clubs from HENRY WINSTON, National Org. Secretary CP- U.S.A. announcing a drive to bring 5000 industrial workers into the Party. The Drive will be carried out March 5-May 15, 1949.

Enc. (1)

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge



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Director, FBI

March 7, 1949

SAC, Philadelphia

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DISTRICT #3, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On February 28, 1949 [redacted] made available to Special Agent JOSEPH M. FLAHERTY two mimeographed letters which the informant

[redacted] The letters, both of which were written on the stationery of the National Office, Communist Party, USA, are as follows:

TO ALL DISTRICTS

January 29, 1949

Dear Comrades:

The reports received about the 1949 stamps reveal the fact that in some districts there is no clear understanding as to how to administer, report, and control the new dues system.

There are two problems we have to solve:

1. HOW TO ACCOUNT FOR EVERY STAMP RECEIVED.
2. HOW TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE RECORD OF OUR DUES PAYING MEMBERSHIP.

Problem 1. - You are receiving 1949 dues stamps (more than your membership) in advance - enough to supply your lower organizations, and as we understand, you are supplying the lower organizations likewise.

Since there is thus an uncontrolled supply on hand, there is a tendency developing in the clubs not to worry about whether the stamp paid for reaches the member or not. Regular control of the stock must be established from top to bottom. Every club treasurer and group captain must take responsibility for every stamp he gets and must be able to account for it.

PROPOSAL: Every member must get his stamp. The stamps must be posted on the receipt he receives from the club or group captain.

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Director, FBI

March 7, 1949

Problem 2. Stamps in various denominations are sold months in advance. Unless we find a way to record these sales accurately, our records as to the various categories of members will be lopsided.

For example: There are two members who buy stamps in advance for a year. One stamp is 35¢ and the other is \$1.00. The problem is how to keep the record straight. If we report that on January 20th we sold 12 - 35¢ stamps and 12 - \$1. stamps, that would give a false picture about the dues paying membership. It would give us 24 members paying dues (whereas actually only 2 paid). If we enter the 24 stamps month by month in advance without indicating the denomination it will also confuse the picture.

We know that there are many difficulties in getting accurate reports because of the method of collecting dues. However, if we establish a system right at the beginning, and we stick to it, we will have all the information.

Therefore, we have prepared forms which we believe will facilitate getting the information we require.

The form marked "A" is to be used by the lower body in reporting to your district, as you have been using it to report to us. In this way you will have all the information required.

(We have included a special column for 1948, in order to eliminate the necessity for two reports.)

The forms "B" and "C" are used in the National Office to keep a permanent record district by district. Each sheet has provision for 13 entries. On "B" we record the reports as they come in (for each 3 month period), thus showing the number of 1949 stamps sold.

On "C" a record is kept of the stamps distributed, by denominations and months.

Used together, this will give us an accurate control of the number of stamps given to the district, the number they sold, and the number they have to account for.

If you would like to institute this system (i.e. using Forms "B" and "C") in relation to your lower bodies, we shall be glad to send you a supply of forms. We feel it would help us get the information we need from your district.

Cordially yours,

uopwa #16-128

JACK KLING

Director, FBI

March 7, 1949

"TO ALL DISTRICTS:

January 31, 1949

Dear Comrades:

Here is a quantity of Form A, which we believe will be sufficient for you to provide all sections, (counties) and out-of-town clubs, for a period of time.

If you need more, and if at all possible, mimeograph them yourself, in order to save time. Otherwise, notify us promptly and we will send an additional supply.

Comradely yours,

JACK KLING"

The above is being submitted for your information. Both letters are being retained as exhibits by the Philadelphia Office.

cc - New York ✓

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO



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United States Department of Justice
400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo 2, New York

March 9, 1949

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Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
BRIEF (Burfile 100-3-74)
DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES (Burfile 100-3-83)
NEGRO QUESTION (Burfile 100-3-75)
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS (Burfile 100-3-86)
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (Burfile 100-3-72)
SLOWDOWN IN INDUSTRY (Burfile 100-3-89)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

[redacted] furnished this office on March 9, 1949 with a detailed written report regarding the Conference on Industrial Concentration, which was held at the Hotel Diplomat, New York City, on Saturday, March 5, 1949, sponsored by the New York State Communist Party.

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The informant reported that about 1000 persons attended; of whom 25 were from Buffalo and Lackawanna, New York, one from Elmira, New York, 8 from Binghamton, New York, and one from Rochester, New York. Among those from Buffalo were JOHN NOTO (Western New York Sub-District Chairman), ALBERT LUTZKY (Erie County Communist Party Chairman) and JOSEPH GREEN (leading negro comrade in Buffalo). ALBERT LUTZKY is reported to have arrived at the conference by plane from Cleveland, Ohio, at approximately 6:00 P.M. on March 5, 1949 and participated only in the discussions following the conference.

The conference was held in the main Ballroom of the Hotel Diplomat from 10:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; a one hour break for lunch was taken at 1:00 P.M. HAL SIMON (State Trade Union Director of the Communist Party) opened the conference and requested that a negro named STRETCH JOHNSON (New York State Communist Party functionary) be elected Chairman of the conference at the request of the State Committee. He was elected

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March 9, 1949

unanimously and then introduced WILLIAM NORMAN (New York State Communist Party Organizational Secretary) who made the main report. Following NORMAN's report those present broke up into three panels:

1. Shop
2. Negro Work
3. Community Work.

Informant reported also that a special Communist Party meeting would be held at the State Headquarters on March 6, 1949, which would involve State and Upstate leaders in regard to the publication of an Upstate edition of the "Sunday Worker."

WILLIAM NORMAN's report at the conference outlined the Communist Party methods of work in the future to win the working class and he stated the Communist Party would split into two groups, namely, the shop and community groups with the shop concentration given one hundred percent priority. Every Communist NORMAN stated, must find his role in building the Party in the shops and he demanded the whole Party accept the concentration in basic industry as "a Lenin policy of our work." The concentration would be in steel, UE and Marine in New York State. He went on to tell the conference that the Party in community and shop activities must know the strategy and tactics and as an example pointed out that the Party had secured 2500 new subscriptions to the "Worker" in the Ford Motor Co. Shops in Detroit, Michigan. NORMAN insisted every Communist in the shops become a leader and asked that 3000 workers be recruited in decisive shops in decisive industries.

According to informant, NORMAN went on to say that "we Communists will not be on the defensive in the fight for peace" and added that Wall Street was frantic over "our policy as announced by the Communist Party leaders (WILLIAM Z.) FOSTER and (EUGENE) DENNIS regarding the Party's position on a war with the Soviet Union." NORMAN also stated if the cold war continued "it must develop into a hot war." He remarked that the Communist Party would "devote every ounce of energy in the fight for peace." Continuing, NORMAN stated that "our enemies in industry, the right wing leadership" were in power at the present time "but not for long." The Communist Party must develop a fight in the shops around economic conditions and the Taft-Hartley Law, he added.

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NORMAN also stated the Communist Party must build the ALP, especially the Trade Union Section of this political party. He stated also that Communists must build a greater understanding among the workers "around the trial of the twelve Communist Party leaders." In this regard he called for mass demonstrations to be held in all sections of the State, protesting the trial. He asked that an alliance of the negro people and the working class be formed. He then told the group that preparations were being made to make the coming May Day the greatest in New York's history.

Following NORMAN's report three panels were formed and met in separate rooms of the hotel.

[redacted] reported on the Shop Panel of approximately 250 persons from all industries of New York State, which was presided over by JOHN NOTO of Buffalo, New York. NOTO told this group that the main tasks of the Communists in the shops were to build the Party, give leadership in the fight for wages and all other issues. In shop concentration, he continued, a Communist must have complete knowledge of the company and its products as well as knowledge of the shop breakdown. NOTO demanded that Communists determine the decisive departments in the shops which controlled production for the entire shop and concentrate in these departments. b7D

At the conclusion of NOTO's report delegates from various shops and sections of New York State made brief reports on conditions, results and future plans in their shop or district. Among those reporting on their shops were two persons from the GE Plant in Schenectady, New York. Also two persons from Syracuse, New York, spoke on the GE Shop in that city. One of these persons, according to informant, was ROBERT BORNHOLZ (formerly active Communist Party member in Buffalo, New York), who was presently a UE Organizer stationed in Syracuse, New York.

All Panels adjourned at about 3:30 P.M. and the delegates returned to the conference, which was then presided over by HENRY WINSTON (National Communist Party Organizational Secretary).

WINSTON reported on the trial of the twelve Communist Party leaders and the general attacks on the Party. He stated that these attacks were a "gigantic attempt to outlaw the Communist Party and evidence of a growing Fascist danger." He stated that "wherever

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"the rights of the Communists cease to exist, the rights of all peoples cease to exist." WINSTON told the conference that the Communist Party could not win the trial in the courtroom and they would have to organize giant demonstrations outside of the court to bring about results. Continuing, he said that the court expected to send the twelve leaders of the Communist Party to jail within two or three months and all leaders in the Party would receive the same treatment "with the rank and file of the organization forced underground."

At the conclusion of WINSTON's speech, reports were made to the conference from the three Panels by JOHN NOTO for the Shop Panel, H.L. SIMON for the Community Panel and a negro believed to be named WHEETON or WHEELIN for the Negro Panel.

Following the Panel reports, ROBERT THOMPSON (New York State Communist Party Chairman) addressed the conference, stating that it was a great success and wonderful results could be expected. THOMPSON stated it was absolutely necessary for the Party "to establish a Lenin method of work on Party concentration", adding that the economic situation demanded great struggle from the Communist Party. In this struggle, he added, the Communist Party would prepare the working class for the economic struggles ahead. THOMPSON also discussed negro rights, political action and the "fight for peace", informant reported.

THOMPSON then referred to the statement issued by FOSTER and DENNIS regarding the Communist Party's policy in case of war with the Soviet Union. He stated this was "a historic statement." In regard to the trial of the twelve Communist Party leaders, THOMPSON stated the Communist Party would organize daily demonstrations and suggested most of the activity be carried out through the Civil Rights Congress. Informant reported this concluded the conference.

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[redacted] furnished the following publications which were obtained at the New York Conference:

1. A printed card bearing the pictures of the twelve Communist Party indicted leaders, with blanks for a pledge to distribute "Daily Workers" in the shops, schools, neighborhoods and communities,

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2. A memorandum on the Foster Party Building Drive, which set forth quotas for the New York City area. This was signed with the typewritten name "BILL NORMAN, Secretary."
3. A leaflet entitled "Prepare for May Day, 1949", which deals with a conference to be held on March 26, 1949 at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Avenue, New York City. This leaflet points out that they want to assure the success of this conference and in so doing make a success of the May Day parade and the demonstration. It sets out eight points to be followed in making this demonstration successful.
4. A letter on Communist Party of New York State stationery to all County Section and Branch Organizers regarding a major demonstration against Jim Crowe, sponsored by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, to be held in Stuyvesant Town on March 10, 1949 at 23rd St. and Madison Ave., New York City. This letter is signed with the typewritten names of ROBERT THOMPSON, Chairman; WILLIAM NORMAN, Secretary, New York State Committee, Communist Party.

These publications have been identified and placed in the LA Section of the informant's file,

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The above information regarding the conference has been reported in chronological order from the informant's report and is being furnished for your information.

Very truly yours

H. G. MLYNOR,
Special Agent in Charge

Communists Greet Chairman on Birthday Hail Foster's Leadership, Pledge 5,000 Recruits

The National Committee of the Communist Party, on behalf of the entire membership, this week greeted William Z. Foster, national chairman, on the occasion of his 68th birthday.

The greeting contained a pledge to build the Party "stronger than ever before," and announced "an intensive drive to recruit 5,000 industrial workers by May 15."

Full text of the letter is as follows:

Mr. William Z. Foster
Chairman
Communist Party - U. S. A.
Dear Comrade Foster:

We, your fellow members of the National Committee, send you our warmest comradely greetings.



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

on behalf of the entire membership of the Communist Party, U. S. A., on the happy occasion of your 68th birthday, Feb. 25. It has been our great personal privilege to work together with you, many of us for as long as 20 years, all of us during the past three and a half years, when under your devoted and untiring leadership as its chairman, our Party has freed itself from the crippling shackles of Browder's "notorious revisionism."

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UNDER YOUR splendid leadership the Communist Party has successfully reconstituted itself as the fighting vanguard party of the working class, based upon the principles of scientific Socialism and championing all the immediate needs of all toilers by hand or brain, against capitalist exploita-

tion and oppression.

Under your leadership our Party fights for the complete destruction of all forms of fascism, at home and abroad, and for a durable and lasting peace in the world.

Under your leadership our Party fights against imperialism and colonial oppression, especially as it expresses itself in the "cold war" against the Soviet Union and in the Marshall Plan designed to

prop up the tottering capitalist system of Europe and to make a Wall Street ruler of the world.

Under your leadership the Communist Party upholds and defends the U. S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights against those reactionary enemies who are bent on destroying democracy and all popular liberties thus far won by the American people. Under your leadership

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ings of love and esteem, and confidence, which we your comrades have for you, which we know are shared by Communists around the world. You are to us a guide and teacher, an inspiration and example, whose courage, tireless efforts and selfless devotion to our Party and the working class, spurs us ever onward to greater achievements.

We salute you, dear Comrade Foster, son of immigrants and revolutionists, best son of the American working class, who knows from your own life all the sufferings of the people. We salute you, brave fighter in the class struggle since boyhood; peerless organizer of labor unions who has struck mighty blows at the heart of capitalism.

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WE GLORY in the enemies you have made—the headhunters of Wall Street who are again attack-

ing our Communist Party in the present trial. Although you have been judicially "severed" from the Party of 11 of us, we, and our Party consider this the trial of 12 because nothing can separate you from us, from the glorious record of the Communist Party and from the fight to do the rights of our Party in the field. We pledge to you to do to the limit the right of Party to exist and carry on its anti-Leninist work.

We pledge to you to build our Party stronger than ever before especially among the basic industrial workers who must be the nucleus of a Communist Party, your honor and in your name an intensive drive to recruit industrial workers by May 15. We know this is the very best way to celebrate your birthday and to symbolize the Communist Party.

We pledge to you, dear Comrade Foster, to preserve the present splendid unity of our Party, to guard our Marxist-Leninist heritage, to carry on, under your guidance, every task in a manner worthy of Communists. Accept our warmest love and heartfelt good wishes for a long life, freedom and for the emancipation of the American working class in your lifetime.

Comradely yours,
Eugene Dennis,
Benjamin J. Davis,
Elizabeth Gurley Elynn,
John Gates,
Gilbert Green,
Gus Hall,
Irving Potash,
Jack Stachel,
Robert Thompson,
John Williamson,
Henry Winston,
Carl Winter.

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Director, FBI

March 23, 1949

SAC, New York

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT NO. 2
NEW YORK DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File 100-3-4)

Reaytel dated March 5, 1948 in the above captioned case and Buffalo letter to the Bureau dated March 9, 1948 captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, INTERNAL SECURITY - C" concerning the Statewide Special Conference on Industrial Concentration sponsored by the New York State Communist Party which was held at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City, Saturday, March 5, 1947 from 10:30 A.M. to 6 P.M.

[redacted] attended this conference and a digest of their reports covering the proceedings thereof is being set forth hereinafter. b7D

The informants estimated that approximately 850 delegates attended the conference, these delegates being admitted only by special credentials issued specifically for this conference.

The informants advised that the Plenary Session of the conference began at 10:30 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel.

HOWARD JOHNSON, New York State Communist Party Educational Director, was named chairman of the conference, according to [redacted] b7D

JOHNSON opened the conference by introducing WILLIAM NORMAN, New York State Communist Party Secretary, who, according to [redacted] [redacted] delivered the main report by outlining the coming Industrial Concentration Campaign to be conducted by the Communist Party in New York State.

NORMAN indicated that the working class was the main responsibility of the Communist Party and that every shop, every plant, and every industry should become a fortress for industrial concentration to help build a strong and influential Party. He stated that the Soviet Union and the

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Eastern European Democracies had forged ahead only because they had united the working class, and it was, therefore, necessary for the Communist Party in the United States to pursue the same program. He pointed out that if the Communist Party succeeded in uniting all workers — food, longshore, sugar, transport, tobacco, leather, garment — only then could their goal be realized. He said that the Communist Party must endeavor to solve the every day problems, grievances, and needs of the workers in order to gain their confidence, and in so doing, an excellent beginning would be made in achieving the ultimate objective of socialism in America.

NORMAN observed that the question presented itself as to whether this task would be undertaken by a special cadre or by the entire membership; he concluded that the entire membership should and must participate, otherwise, such an industrial concentration program could not succeed.

NORMAN called on all Party members to gain leadership in their shops in order to identify the Communist Party in the worker's mind that the Communist Party was the only Party which was constantly fighting for higher wages, shorter hours, and better working conditions. In this manner, he said, interest in the Party could be established and workers recruited into the Party.

NORMAN declared that thousands of workers were employed in basic industries in New York State, and by concentrating on such industries in key shops and plants, the Party could successfully be built as a mass Party. He asked that 3,000 workers be recruited in decisive shops in decisive industries.

Continuing, NORMAN asserted that the United States was pursuing a policy of aggression for world domination and that was why the recent pronouncements of TOGLIATTI and THOREZ had had such tremendous repercussions throughout the world in the fight for peace by showing that the U.S.S.R. and the New People's Democracies throughout the world were the only true proponents of world peace. He predicted that American monopoly capitalists would lose any war they might start. He termed such individuals as Senators Vandenberg and Connally traitors since they and others were working to circumvent the worldwide desire for peace. He maintained that if the cold war continued, it would eventually turn into a hot war; hence the need for an industrial concentration program by the Communist Party at the present time.

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NORMAN then outlined the following aspects for a successful industrial concentration program:

1. Need to affiliate such a program with the present economic struggle.
2. Necessity for repealing the Taft-Hartley law.
3. Indispensability of conducting a militant rank and file campaign.
4. Need for building the American Labor Party and a trade union division therein.
5. Necessity of fighting indictments of twelve Communist leaders as well as combatting any proposed legislation to outlaw the Communist Party and enactment of any anti-Communist legislation. In this connection, NORMAN urged all present to participate in a mass demonstration called for by the Civil Rights Congress at noon on March 7, 1949 in Foley Square, New York City to protest the indictments and the rigged jury system in the Southern District of New York.
6. Desirability of advancing the negro people's liberation movement. In this connection, NORMAN pointed out that white chauvinism was the main weapon used by the bourgeoisie to split the working class. He called attention to a rally to be held in Madison Square Park on March 10, 1949 at 4:30 P.M. to protest the Jim Crow policy practiced by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in their apartment development called Stayvesant Town. He urged that letters and telegrams be directed to Mayor WILLIAM QUINCY and the President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

NORMAN also mentioned the 1949 May Day celebration, saying that the Communist Party must make this year's celebration a great show of strength and solidarity.

[redacted] advised that following NORMAN's report, the conference adjourned to meet in three panel discussion groups, namely: shop, negro, and community.

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The informants said that the shop panel, chaired by JOHN NOTO, Buffalo, New York, met in the Crystal Room; the negro panel, chaired by CHARLES LOEAW, Brooklyn, New York, met in the basement; and the community panel, chaired by HAROLD SIMON, New York City, met in the Grand Ballroom.

[redacted] said that HAROLD SIMON, New York State Labor Secretary, began the community panel by outlining the tasks of industrial concentration. He stated the major consideration in such a program was to give aid and assistance in building shop branches. He said this could be done by selecting special concentration points and then initiating an all-out campaign to arouse and interest the workers through distribution of leaflets, selling the "Daily Worker", discussing the needs and problems of the workers and later trying to recruit them into the Party.

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SIMON felt that it was imperative that the Party conduct classes all out to implement and realize this concentration program and that regular discussions of the problems arising should be pursued.

SIMON stated that everything possible must be done to bring about a better understanding of the problems and grievances and needs of the workers in steel, transport, food, electricity, etc.; further, that the contribution of the negroes must be examined and the role it could play in the development of a concentration program.

SIMON also observed that mass organizations could serve as focal concentration points with a view to enrolling members thereof into the ranks of the Party.

SIMON announced that the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker", in the near future, would publish special pages prepared especially for industrial workers and devoted to their problems.

SIMON remarked that shop branches should conduct regular social activities for their members to maintain the greatest possible interest in the concentration program. It also pointed out that if there was no shop branch in a certain community, then the community club must maintain contact with workers in such areas by means of leaflets, press, and personal contact.

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SIMON declared that the two most important concentration centers in New York City were maritime and transport, while others of importance were railroad, food, radio, and textile.

SIMON said that clubs should make it a policy of choosing their own concentration points. For example, clubs in the West Side Section of New York City could choose longshore; in mid-Manhattan, they could choose garment; and in Yonkers, they could choose textile. He then related how, in Harlem, a special concentration campaign had been developed among 1,500 negro transport workers which had resulted in the formation of a club of such transport workers. He also related how the United Public Workers Union was currently endeavoring to organize negro hospital workers, and he felt that this could be developed into a concentration point. Another focal point for concentration work pointed out by SIMON were tenant groups concerned with rents and housing. In this connection, he mentioned the Jim Crow policy pursued in Stuyvesant Town, a Metropolitan Life Insurance Company development. Here, SIMON observed, was a ready made situation which could be developed greatly to the Party's advantage.

Following SIMON's speech, according to [redacted] general discussion by the community panel ensued.

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[redacted] advised that an unidentified man from Brooklyn, New York, who said he was a member of the Professional Section of the Party, pointed out that many professional people, such as doctors, dentists, and lawyers, could make material contributions to concentration work. For example, he said, doctors could help in the fight for the passage of national health insurance.

Following this, the conference recessed for lunch from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M., according to informants.

After the luncheon recess, HAROLD SIMON introduced ROBERT APPEL, Bronx County Communist Party Organisational Secretary, as chairman of the afternoon session of the community panel discussion, according to [redacted]

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The same informant advised that an unidentified woman from the Bronx told of selling the "Daily Worker" every day in front of the subway repair shops at 207th Street in the Bronx. She related that it had been

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a difficult task at first for she and her solicitors had been jeered and treated almost roughly on occasions. She said, however, they were determined to expose the recent sellout of the transport workers by MICHAEL J. QUILL, President of the Transport Workers Union. She said that this daily vigil finally succeeded in reaching the subway workers and that soon thereafter, workers were stopping to talk with the solicitors and asking questions.

GEORGE WOLT of Astoria, Long Island, New York, according to [redacted] speaks briefly concerning the Calvary Cemetery strike and the strike breaking tactics of Cardinal SPELLMAN. He said the Communist Party club in that vicinity was helping strikers by bringing them coffee and marched with them on the picket line. He said, also, the club was urging the American Labor Party in that district to cooperate with the strikers. b7D

JOHNIE LUMPEIN of Buffalo, New York, according to the same informants, was critical of the panel for not mentioning the youth. She thought the youth should be appreciated because on the youth depended the plans of today to take effect tomorrow. She felt that not to include the youth would spell disaster for any program and that many activities could be given this group, such as drawing up and distributing literature, picketing, etc.

[redacted] advised that ROBERT WOOD, Eastern Communist Party Organizer of the Railroad Committee, was pleased to know that the Party, at last, was planning to use a vast army of industrial workers. He warned, however, that the "perk chop" issue was not the only concern of the worker; that the concept of socialism in the future for America was also a part of this fight. b7D

On termination of general discussion, HAROLD SIMON, according to [redacted] made some concluding remarks in which he stressed the conclusions to be drawn from the foregoing discussion. He complimented the preceding nineteen speakers for their sincerity and enthusiasm. b7D

SIMON lauded the determination of whites and negroes to unite the working class to achieve the ultimate goal of socialism. He also said that the new and valid experiences discussed by the speakers in

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utilizing the Party press and literature constituted the main weapon in assuring success of the Industrial Concentration Program. He also felt that the speakers had appreciated the fact that the American Labor Party could and must play a role in this program.

SIMON reiterated that the speakers had commented on the Jim Crow policy in Stuyvesant Town and added that a committee had been formed in Stuyvesant Town to combat this anti-racial manifestation; that this committee was engaged in distributing the "Daily Worker" and literature and using other propaganda media for this situation.

SIMON reminded his listeners that there would be a demonstration protesting discrimination in Stuyvesant Town in Madison Square at 4:30 P.M. on March 17, 1949 and that a large turnout was expected. He urged that everyone write letters and send telegrams to Mayor O'DWYER and officials of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company protesting the continuance of their discriminatory policy.

SIMON, according to [redacted] mentioned that comrades residing at Levitt Town had been reprimanded recently for signing leases containing white restrictive clauses. He said the Party was demanding of them that an all-out anti-discrimination struggle be waged; further, that no Party member would be granted a transfer to Levitt Town for the present.

General discussion in all three panels terminated at 4:30 P.M., according to [redacted] at which time the Plenary Session resumed.

[redacted] said that HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organizational Secretary, was the next speaker. WINSTON complimented WILLIAM NORMAN on the excellence of his report. WINSTON stated that the question of a concentration program set the Communist Party apart from any other political party in the United States because the very essence of the structure of the Communist Party was that the working class alone would move forward since it was based on the needs of the workers.

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WINSTON declared that a ceaseless fight must be waged on economic, ideological and political fronts to successfully achieve socialism in the United States and that only those versed in Marxism-Leninism were qualified to lead the working class. He insisted that with the proper leadership the masses could be won over to socialism in the United States.

Continuing, WINSTON observed that the question of industrial concentration was timely in the face of the Fascist danger prevailing in this country, as expressed in:

1. Loyal oaths which threatened the civil rights of Government workers.

2. Attacks on academic freedom which had already resulted in the ousting of many progressive teachers.

3. Legislative attempts to initiate thought control and outlaw the Communist Party.

4. Persecution of trade unionists and Communists by immigration authorities.

5. Closing of public halls to Communists and other progressive groups.

6. Proposed legislation to legalize wire tapping by the Federal Government.

7. Attempt by the Federal Government to convict the twelve Communist leaders, send them to jail, and drive the Party underground.

WINSTON emphasized that the political situation in the United States today was the same as existed in Germany in 1933. He asserted that only a Party based on the scientific principles of Marxism-Leninism could successfully combat and lead the masses against the forces of reaction. He said the unity of the U.S.S.R. and progressives in the United States was serving as the beacon light of the forces fighting for peace.

WINSTON remarked that there were more than 25,000 members in the Communist Party in New York State, and he urged them all to speak and fight for the Party's principles and objectives in civic, church, fraternal, and other circles.

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Continuing, WINSTON asserted that the Party was on trial for defending its theory and science; that this struggle could not be won in the court room but would be won by what the masses of people did on the outside. It was imperative, he said, to explain the Party's case to the masses.

WINSTON pointed out that the Party had already made a great contribution to democracy by its challenge of the rotten Federal Jury System and its exposure of the attempt by the Federal Government to rale the Party out of existence.

WINSTON again invited attention to the mass demonstration called for by the Civil Rights Congress at noon on March 7, 1949 in Foley Square in front of the United States Court House. He announced that a daily picket line would be maintained in front of the Court House and that each day, in the line, would be representatives from different counties of New York City.

In conclusion, WINSTON urged all members to organize civil rights committees wherever possible, and to distribute literature, hold protest meetings, and promote delegations to the Congress.

Following WINSTON's speech, according to [redacted] there were reports by the three panel chairmen.

[redacted] said that JOHN NOTO, Chairman of the Shop Panel, reported that the shop branch was of paramount importance to the success of the industrial concentration campaign. b7D

CHARLES LOMAN, reporting as Chairman for the Negro Panel, according to all informants, stated that there was increasing unemployment among negroes, especially in Harlem and Chicago, Illinois, since negroes were the first to feel the effects of unemployment.

LOMAN declared that the struggle for civil rights must be carried forward and cited as examples, the Ingram Case and the case of the six Trenton negroes. He urged that letters and telegrams be sent to the proper authorities protesting the Senate filibuster and police brutality.

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Lastly, LOMAN emphasized that the struggle against white chauvinism must continue, pointing out that Stuyvesant Town and Levitt Town were good examples of what could be done.

HAROLD SIMON, as Chairman of the community panel, reported on that panel discussion, which has previously been set out.

[redacted] said that ROBERT THOMPSON, New York State Communist Party Chairman, made the concluding remarks to the conference. He said that the main point in the conference had been that it had established a method of work, based on Marxism-Leninism principles, to bring the Party's policy to key sections of the working class, to the whole labor movement, and to the democratic forces. He stated that this teamwork on the part of the Party would aid and benefit the campaign for unemployment insurance, civil rights program, and the fight against discrimination. He also observed that the Party's approach to the negro question would have its effect on the coming New York City mayoralty election and the reelection campaign of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., incumbent New York City Communist Councilman.

THOMPSON made reference to the recent statement made by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and EUGENE DENNIS, respectively National Chairman and General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA. He said this statement proved that the Communist Party, USA had made a historic break with the opportunism and revisionism of EARL BROWDER; that the statement would give a broader base to the peace movement in this country. He admitted that there were a few Party sympathizers who objected to the statement, but he explained that reactionaries could not be fought by appeasement but could only be met with their own weapons. He declared that the Communist Party would continue its fight for peace and American Soviet unity.

In commenting on the trial of the twelve Communist leaders, THOMPSON admitted that it was almost a certainty that the final outcome would not be favorable to either himself or the other defendants. Despite this, he urged all members to continue and intensify their efforts to let the masses know that a fair trial was impossible because of the current anti-Communist hysteria prevailing in the country together with the long established rigged Federal Jury System.

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The original material is maintained as an exhibit in New York file 100- 80638-1B 74. Letter dated 2/14/49 beginning "To the Counties" from May Miller, Org. Dep't., N.Y.S. C.P. which enclosed a letter by Henry Winston addressed to all clubs of the Party dealing with the special industrial recruiting drive scheduled to start on 2/25 to 5/31/49.

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100-80638-1B 75 Mimeographed bulletin captioned "Organization of Recruiting Drive." Document divided into four parts: 1) Week of March 20th - Mobilization; 2) Stages in Drive; 3) Suggestions for Recruiting; 4) Socialist Competition. Drive to run from 3/31 - 5/15/49.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
BRIEF (Burfile 100-3-74)
~~MEMBERSHIP (Burfile 100-3-68)~~
SLOWDOWN IN INDUSTRY (Burfile 100-3-89)
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Dear Sir:

By written report, dated March 3, 1949, [redacted] informed Special Agent ROBERT G. AULENBACHER of this office of a Monroe County Communist Party Committee meeting which was held on March 3, 1949 at the Ukrainian Hall, 917 Joseph Avenue, Rochester, New York.

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According to informant, JOHN NOTO (Western New York Communist Party Sub-District Chairman) addressed the committee on "concentration and recruiting." Informant stated in his discussion NOTO stated "In view of the statements by THOREZ and TOGLIATTI, DENNIS and FOSTER, to be of any assistance we have got to get into the basic industries, such as steel, railroad, electric and chemical." Informant went on to report that in both the statements of THOREZ and TOGLIATTI (Communist Party leaders of France and Italy, respectively) the stress was put on what the industrial workers would do to hinder a war by bringing about strikes and "other means."

Apparently referring to statements made by NOTO, informant continued stating that the National Committee had, therefore, started a two months industrial recruiting campaign to end on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's birthday. The aim of the drive was not to get large noticeable numbers in a shop but to get one or two people inside and a couple others outside from the Communist Party Branches in the area to work with them.

The quota for Upstate New York, according to NOTO, was set at 112 but he believed it should be raised to 150 recruits. In

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Rochester they wanted recruits as follows: 5 clothing workers, 1 from Delco Electric Plant, 2 from Bausch and Lomb (Optical Company), Eastman Kodak, etc. Binghamton was to have the "worst assignment" as they were to get all their recruits from the shoe industry.

The Monroe County Committee was told to discuss a different area industry at each meeting and to invite members working in the industry to the meeting in an effort to work out methods of carrying the Party into the shop.

This information is being submitted per SAC Letter #24, dated February 13, 1948.

Very truly yours

H. G. MAYNOR,
Special Agent in Charge

Gurley Flynn Urges Workers To Join Communist Party

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, this week appealed to American workers to join the Communist Party. Her appeal follows:

Many who read the Worker are workers. Many of you are not members of the Communist Party. As a reader of this paper you know something about the Communist Party. You are certainly not afraid of it. You can see by the ferocious attacks they make on it that the bosses are afraid of what the Communist Party stands for. They are doing everything in their power, through the press, the radio, thought control trials and suppressive bills to drive a wedge between workers and the Communist Party, to prevent workers from listening to the Communists. They scream "foreign agent" and "spy" and rave about what a wonderful system capitalism is.

For them—sure! But the experience of most workers do not convince them that this is true. The average worker has an instinctive distrust of the boss. The I.W.W. used to say: "Find out what the boss wants you to do and then—don't do it!"

The class struggle is clear, no mistake about it—in a coal town, in a one-industry city, like Pittsburgh, Lawrence, Mass., or Detroit, where the press, the politicians, even the pulpit are openly on the bosses' side, bought and paid for; and the workers know it. Where there is monopoly control, absentee ownership, and mass production, the exploitation of the worker is inescapably evident, as in a steel plant, a textile mill, a coal mine, or in a packinghouse. Profits zoom sky-high and wages are cut to the bone by speed-up, part time jobs, high prices.

The fear of unemployment gnaws at the vitals of the workers today. Another depression looms. Thousands are laid off. "Who will be next?" haunts the worker at the machine. Savings are gone. The wolf of poverty is at the family's door.

Sure, it's a wonderful system for the Fords, Rockefellers, Morgans, Duponts, Wilsons, and the other sixty families. It's a great life, money rolling in, no work, no worry, no fear for their kids, owning everything necessary for all America to live, making their pro-

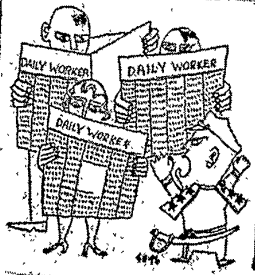
fits out of the labor of American workers. They'll fight, tooth and toe nail, frame-ups, thugs, tear gas, atom bombs—whatever is at hand, to keep what they've got, as long as they can. The slave-owners fought, the feudal lords fought, now the capitalist class is desperately fighting to hang on to their evil system.

BUT WHY should the worker be a sucker to keep up their system? Will the modern worker forever be doped by words—like free enterprise, prosperity, collaboration of management and labor, richest country in the world, etc.? No, thousands of workers are waking up today, cutting through the fog of lies. They want answers, the right answers, to their questions.

That's why in the midst of the fiercest redbaiting campaign, 37,000 of you, new readers, decided to subscribe to this paper. You wanted to read a paper that wasn't a bosses' house organ. You wanted to know the real news of workers' struggles and their progress, here and around the world. You were not afraid. You wanted to know about the Communist Party.

Capitalism has no answers to solve your problems. "Has the Communist Party?" you ask. We who are members, answer, "Yes! it has!" Not only in theory but in action.

The Communist Party is a fighting party. At the helm of our party is a great leader of our American working class—William Z. Foster. He is the personification of our fighting principles, which are:



now on trial, in a framed-up thought-control proceedings before a hand-picked jury at Foley Square. In a membership drive in his honor—the Foster Party Building Campaign, from March 5 to May 15, we have pledged to bring 5,000 industrial workers into the Communist Party. Are you going to be one of them? What do you say?

OUR MEMBERSHIP is very enthusiastic about this. We've got wonderful people in our party. You'll be proud to be one of them. They have discussed it already in all districts and in hundreds of clubs. They are eager to win these 5,000 new members. What better answer to the redbaiters?

We are not mechanically setting quotas from the national office. The estimated figures are decided where they plan to ask you to join the party. There is a wonderful spirit of confidence everywhere, which is entirely justified. For instance, Michigan is certain they can bring in 300 auto workers; Illinois figures 350 steel, packing, and other workers; Pennsylvania will go after miners, steel workers, electrical workers; New England will concentrate on textile; and on the Pacific coast it will be lumber, maritime, aircraft, etc. New York, which has a tremendous industrial area upstate, as well as in the city, expects to recruit 2,500. That gives you some idea of our sights. They are all realizable.

Frankly, we believe our first appeal should go to you, Worker readers who are not yet party members. You are closest to us. You are friends and sympathizers. You must understand how important it is to have a strong Communist Party in these stormy days. Many of you contribute to the Defense Fund. You attend our mass meetings. You read our literature.

This is not the hour to delay. The struggle for peace, for civil rights, for labor rights, against war, depression, fascism—is too acute today. You, militant workers, who are in the thick of these struggles, need the Communist Party and it needs you. Where else is there for you to go? Foster never failed the workers. You cannot fail either, if you would be true to yourself.

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On March 3, 1949, [redacted] furnished SA LEWIS H. JOHNSON with a letter (original and carbon copy) written by LOUISE TODD LAMBERT, California State Organizational Secretary, to HENRY WINSTON in NY. The letter is dated March 1, 1949, and concerns decisions reached by the California State Committee in participation of "The Foster Party Building Campaign". The decisions are set out: (1) The need for strengthening the party within the working class groups (2) Analysis of the results of registration, and the reason for the loss of membership (3) Analysis of the recent "Plenum of CP work in trade unions (4) An examination of the policy of concentration work in various industries (5) The initiation of a press building campaign for the "People's World", and the indulgence in political activities in municipal elections (6) The State Committee criticized the manner in which the Foster Party Building Campaign was launched for the failure of the National Committee to discuss recruiting with the larger districts

A carbon copy of the above letter is being forwarded to your office.

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State CP Raises \$650,000 In One Month, Recruits 800

The Communist Party of N. Y. State raised a grand total of \$650,000 in a one-month period in the recently concluded fund drive, it was announced yesterday by the Party's State Committee. In addition, the State Committee revealed that more than 800 mem-

bers, one-third of a goal of 2,500, had joined the Party in the past few weeks in the course of the Foster Recruiting Drive, scheduled to be concluded by May 15.

Of the total of \$650,000 raised in the whirlwind fund campaign, \$140,000 was given to the Daily Worker and \$50,000 donated for the defense of the Communist Party leaders on trial in Foley Square. Robert Thompson, state chairman, is among those on trial.

"The successful completion of this drive is a tribute to the loyalty, energetic activity and growing maturity of our Party," said the State Committee in announcing the results of the drive. "The Fund Drive also reveals growing support for the Communist Party among increasing numbers of non-Party, anti-imperialist workers. It further reveals that the unprecedented barrage of red-baiting and war hysteria is not having the effect on the workers which Wall Street intends."

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These conclusions, the Committee said, prove the possibility of going over the top in the membership drive also by May 15. The number signed up by now was characterized as a "positive achievement" showing the Party's ability to grow in the face of the powerful attacks against it and the American people as a whole.

However, the State Committee noted shortcomings in the campaign's progress up to now, terming them generally the result of the failure of the majority of the

Party membership to be engaged in the drive. The statement added that "we cannot be fully satisfied with the results thus far."

Singled out as examples of good work were the Youth Section of the Party, which gained 300 new members, the Lower West Side Region, which gained 80, the Lower Manhattan East Side, which gained 55, the Red Hook Section in Brooklyn and the large proportion of industrial workers signed up in Queens. These examples show, the Committee said, "that where the drive is properly understood and organized the results will be forthcoming."

"The reason that other Party organizations have not even begun to make a dent is because they underestimate the growing militancy of the workers in the struggles on the economic front and the rising sentiments against the Atlantic Pact," said the State Committee.

"The overwhelming majority of the American people are for peace and this lays the basis for the development of the broadest unity movements and coalitions in the communities and in the shops to fight back the attempts to drag us into war. To the degree that the Communist Party aggressively fights to build such unity movements and coalitions is the degree to which we can successfully build the Party and gain new members."

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It emphasized that building the Party was essential to building successful unity movements. In order to put the drive over the top on time "full mobilization of every Party organization" was necessary. "The boldest approach" in gaining new members was urged on the Party.

Seven proposals to help carry out the drive were made by the State Committee:

- Every Party club should review its members and visit its friends and contacts.
- Set aside the week of May 1-



ROBERT THOMPSON
C.P. State Chairman

8 for small meetings, house gatherings and parties.

- Every Party branch should organize at least one such affair.

- Industrial workers, youth and the Negro people should get special attention in invitations to these affairs.

- Every member of section, county and state committees should be involved in speaking, leading discussions and attending these affairs.

- Attempt to sign up at least one new member at each affair.

- Make May Day a high point in Party building by bringing friends to march in the demonstration and to join the Party then.

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For original evidence see exhibit # 1376 in file # 100-20638.

Description of exhibit:

One page mimeographed letter dated 12/30/48 to all Districts signed "Comradely yours, Betty Gannett" requesting all statistics on registration to be turned in January 4th.



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TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD -- JANUARY 1st TO MARCH 31, 1949

Communist Committee to Defend the Twelve, consisting of twenty-five top ranking Communists throughout country, formed in Feb., 1949. BETTY GANNETT, National CP Assistant Organization Secretary, appears to be in nominal charge of National CP office during the trial. Foster Party Building Campaign for 5,000 industrial recruits planned for March 5th through May 15th, 1949, in obvious effort to secure leadership of decisive segments of working class. 1948 ended with serious budgetary deficiency for CP, USA. Cost of trial of twelve from time of defendants' arrests on 7/20/48 until 4/1/49 has been in excess of \$100,000.00. Top officials of CP, USA, convinced Party will be outlawed eventually and have instructed various state organizations to be ready to conduct all mass activities through and under name of legally established political parties and mass organizations. Confidential mailing addresses in U.S. of CP, USA, set forth. MAX BEDACHT, former IWO official and recently expelled Communist, caustically critical of present CP, USA, leadership, maintaining they lack revolutionary qualifications. EARL BROWDER still considered unreconstructed revisionist by CP, USA. CP, USA, hailed formation of Council

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For Mutual Economic Aid in Eastern Europe as highly constructive move. In commenting on statements made in late Feb., 1949, by THOREZ and TOGLIATTI, leaders of French and Italian Communist Parties, that should their countries be involved in war with USSR their fellow Communists would do everything in their power to assist Red Army, CP, USA, declared that such statements emphatically served cause of universal peace. CP, USA, asserted that if Wall Street plunged world into war, American Communists would oppose it as unjust, aggressive, imperialist war, destructive of deepest interests of American people; further that American Communists would cooperate with all democratic forces to defeat predatory war aims of American imperialism and bring such war to speedy conclusion on basis of democratic peace. CP, USA, bitterly opposed to North Atlantic Pact, contending it to be instrument of aggression. CP, USA, also critical of use of Marshall Plan funds and presence of American industry in colonial areas of world. CP, USA, feels that progressive movement in national political scene is now in favorable position to organize its newly acquired strength; also that by virtue of Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO'S victory, American Labor Party has opportunity to expand and become No. 1 Party in NYC Congressional District in 1950. CP, USA, submitted statement to Senate Labor Committee demanding unconditional repeal of Taft-Hartley law and reenactment of Wagner Labor Relations Act in its place. CP, USA, insistent that President Truman take some positive steps to defeat filibuster and fulfill his pre-election pledge for civil rights. CP, USA, seek to have GI Bill of Rights amended and extended and also increase veterans' benefits. Program of CP, USA, with regard to Negroes emphasizes fight for jobs, enactment of FEPC laws, intensification of campaign to free Mrs. INGRAM and Trenton Six and further development of principle of self-determination. Plans formulated for convening of conference latter part of

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May, 1949, to consider plans for new working class youth organization. CP, USA, enrolling support of Communist front women's organizations for defense of Communists on trial. Necessity for agrarian reform in South stressed by CP, USA. Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, sponsored by NCASP, held in NYC 3/25,26,27/49, adhered to CP line. National Jewish Commission, CP, USA, sent \$5,000.00 to CP of Israel as gift on occasion of unification of two Communist Parties in that country. CP, USA, applauded conviction of Cardinal MINDSZENTY and condemned Cardinal Spellman of NYC for his alleged intervention in Hungarian domestic affairs. Publication and distribution of Marxist literature in 1948 considered generally unsatisfactory by CP, USA, and National Literature Commission has projected number of proposals to strengthen Party's literature activity during 1949. National Education Department, CP, USA, endeavoring to involve some 20,000 Party members in systematic study to develop and equip membership with fuller understanding of Party's role.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 100-3.

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NY 100-4931
Period: Jan. 1 - March 31, 1949

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)
(New York File 100-80638) ✓

RECRUITING DRIVE FOR 5,000 INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

On February 17, 1949, Confidential Informant T-3 furnished an undated letter from HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organization Secretary, to all comrades announcing that the National Committee had decided to launch an intensive drive to bring 5,000 industrial workers into the Party and that the fulfillment of this goal would be a fitting celebration for WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S sixty-eighth birthday.

The letter indicated that the FOSTER PARTY BUILDING CAMPAIGN would be carried from March 5 to May 15, 1949, and that the week of February 25 to March 5, 1949, would be known as FOSTER PARTY BUILDING CAMPAIGN WEEK.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York City

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the Communist Party, USA, for the quarterly period beginning April 1, 1949, and ending June 30, 1949.

A copy of this report has been designated for the Albany, Buffalo and Newark Offices in view of their contiguity and interest in the activities of the Communist Party, USA.

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T-11: [redacted]

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T-12: [redacted]

Office, New York City, who requested that his identity not be disclosed.

T-13: [redacted]

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T-14: [redacted]

T-15: [redacted]

York City. He requested that his identity not be disclosed.

T-16: [redacted]

[redacted] the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace at New York City March 25, 26, 27, 1949. He requested that his identity not be disclosed.

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T-17: [redacted]

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T-18: [redacted] of
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T-21: [redacted]
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T-22: A highly confidential and reliable
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T-25: [redacted] of
the Detroit Office.

T-26: [redacted] of
the San Francisco Office.

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of the San Francisco Office.

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T-28:

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York City. She requested that her identity not be disclosed.

T-29: Trash cover on International Workers' Order, Midwest Division, 64 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, maintained January 28th through February 4, 1949, through the

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[Redacted]

T-30: Office of Naval Intelligence, New York City.

T-31: [Redacted] of the Philadelphia Office.

T-32: District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, New York City.

T-33: Confidential mail box maintained by New York Office.

T-34:

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United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York

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May 18, 1949

MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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For original evidence see exhibit # 113 77 in file # 100-810638.

Description of exhibit:

A 2 pg. handwritten undated, unsigned, rough draft of a letter. It refers to the difficulties being encountered in accurately recording dues collections, through stamp sales, from the membership. It suggests that clubs use the same form in reporting dues collections, stamp sales, as the sections, counties, and states use. This form would enable them to record collections for a given week or a year if necessary.



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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/18/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/12-5/11/49	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA DISTRICT #2 NEW YORK DIVISION		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - JANUARY 1ST TO MARCH 31, 1949

HERBERT WHEELDIN and HENRY FARASH designated Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of Negro Commission of District No. 2. At State-wide Special Conference on Industrial Concentration held at NYC 3/5/49, NY State CP set goal of recruiting 3,000 workers in decisive shops in decisive industries. Goal of District #2 in Foster Party Building Campaign launched 2/15/49 set at \$650,000. District #2 has agreed to contribute \$1,000 per month to aid CP Districts in the South under Southern Solidarity Program. As security measure CP membership books not being issued in 1949. Clubs now divided into groups headed by group captains. District #2 has instructed all members to enroll as members of American Labor Party, apparently in event Party goes underground. Confidential mailing addresses presently being used set forth. WILLIAM WEINSTONE rumored as having lost post of NY State CP Education Director because of his contacts with FRANCIS FRANKLIN, who was expelled from Party for factionalism several years ago. District #2 urges unity on four-point program designed to force Truman Administration to help Israel defend its independence. Dr. ALIETTE RUBINSTEIN, ALP nominee and known Communist, defeated in bid for NY State Assembly in special Manhattan election. Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO, NY State

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Chairman of ALP, has announced his support of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS for reelection to NYC Council. Comprehensive legislative program for 1949 formulated by District #2. McMULLEN "Loyalty" Bill and FEINBERG "School Thought Control" Bill in NY State Legislature vigorously fought by District #2; no action taken on first named but latter was passed. Anti-Negro policy practiced by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in its housing development of Stuyvesant Town under sustained attack by CP. ABNER W. BERRY designated editor of Harlem edition of "Daily Worker." Harlem Trade Union Council formed to succeed defunct Negro Labor Victory Committee. Youth Section of District #2 has initiated drive for 500 new members by 5/15/49. Women's Commission of District #2 active in training programs directed at women within Party and within other organizations, NCASP sponsored Communist-line Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace in NYC 3/25,26,27/49. Neglect of Jewish work in District #2 cited. CP sympathetic with Rev. Dr. JOHN HOWARD MELISH and his son, Rev. WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH, in their fight to prevent their ouster from Pastorate of Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn. CP critical of Cardinal Spellman in Calvary Cemetery strike. JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, INSTITUTE OF MARXIST STUDIES and SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES, all in NYC, continue to serve as educational centers for Communist indoctrination.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-3-4.

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CP, USA
District #2
New York Division
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NY 100-26603
Period: Jan. 1 - March 31, 1949

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)
(New York File 100-80638) ✓

According to Confidential Informant T-4, MAY MILLER, New York State Communist Party Membership Director, by letter dated February 14, 1949, transmitted to all clubs in District No. 2 an undated letter from HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organization Secretary, addressed to all clubs, dealing with the special industrial recruiting drive for 5,000 workers to be conducted between March 5 and May 15, 1949, the drive to be known as the FOSTER PARTY BUILDING CAMPAIGN, to celebrate WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S sixty-eighth birthday.

Subsequent thereto, on March 5, 1949, at the Hotel Diplomat, New York City, according to [redacted] a State-Wide Special Conference on Industrial Concentration was convened by the New York State Communist Party. At this conference WILLIAM NORMAN, New York State Communist Party Secretary, declared that thousands of workers were employed in basic industries in New York State and by concentrating on such industries in key shops and plants, the Party could successfully be built as a mass party. NORMAN asked that 3,000 workers be recruited in decisive shops in decisive industries.

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At New York City

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T-15: [redacted]
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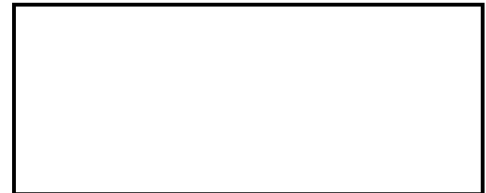
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T-24: [redacted] the Albany Office.

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T-28: District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, New York City.

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T-32: [redacted] of the San Francisco Office.

T-33: Confidential mail box maintained by the New York Office.

Estimate World Communists at 20 Million

MOSCOW, May 3.—Despite the fact that it faces the "most powerful and centralized finance capital in the world," the American Communist Party, a "comparatively small" party has "great moral and political influence among the workers," states the writer S. Ivanov in the magazine *Problems of Economics*.

The Communist parties of the world now total more than 20 millions in membership. Ivanov notes in his comprehensive survey, American party membership was put at 74,000. Other figures were: Great Britain, 50,000; Argentine, 30,000; Brazil, 200,000; Cuba, 50,000; Mexico, 36,000; Peru, 35,000; Uruguay, 15,000; Colombia, 15,000; Costa Rica, 7,000; Panama, 5,000; Ecuador, 6,000; Nicaragua, 1,500.

Chinese Communists were numbered as 3,000,000; Poland, Romania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, 1,000,000 each; the Soviet Union over 6,000,000; Bulgaria, 500,000; German Socialist Unity Party, 1,800,000; West Germany, 450,000; France, 1,000,000; Italy, 2,283,000; Belgium, 100,000; Aus-

tria, 150,000; Denmark, 60,000; Holland, 55,000; Norway, 33,000; Sweden, 60,000 and Finland, 51,000.

Discussing the political situation in the U. S. A. Ivanov said:

"Opposed to the Communist Party in the United States is the most powerful and centralized finance capital in the world and its two extremely large parties, which jointly or separately direct the government in turn.

"There are two large trade unions uniting many millions, headed by reactionary cliques linked with capitalist monopolies. Nevertheless, the existence of enormous proletarian masses and a difficult situation for the workers are creating objectively favorable conditions for the unfolding of activity and the expansion of the influence of the Communist Party among the workers.

"Comparatively small, the Communist Party of the United States has, however, great moral and political influence in the country and among the workers. The uninterrupted baiting of the Communist party by the forces of reaction, the official crusade against it, the judicial persecution of its leaders—all testify that the capitalists, despite enormous wealth and dictatorial powers, are far from confident of the firmness of their position."

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May 24, 1949

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On May 10 and 13, 1949 [redacted]
made available to the Milwaukee Office exhibits [redacted]
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The exhibits which are being transmitted herewith are as follows:

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- A mimeographed discussion outline captioned May Day, 1949, issued by the National Education Department, Communist Party, U.S.A.
- A letter from the National Organization Department dated April 18, 1949 regarding the results of the Poster Party Building Campaign.
- A letter dated April 1, 1949 from SAM WISEMAN as Executive Director of the Provisional United Labor and People's Committee for May Day, 1949.
- A letter dated April 6, 1949 from the National Organization Department to all districts regarding anti-Communist legislation in the Maryland legislature.

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New York 7, New York

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May 31, 1949

MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY-U.S.A.
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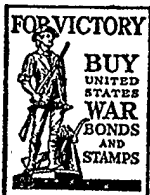
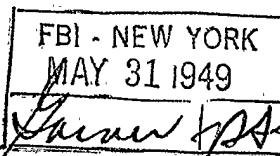
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For original evidence see exhibit # 1079 in file # 100-80638.

Description of exhibit:

Three page mimeographed Personnel Biography form of the CP NY State.



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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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To: Director, FBI

Date: June 1, 1949

From: SAC, Cincinnati

Subject: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
SECURITY MEASURES
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
(Bureau file #100-3-84)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
(Bureau file #100-3-68)

On May 24, 1949, Special Agent HARLAND D. SHAW received a written report from [redacted] which contained the information that ALVIN GREEN had been transferred from the Montgomery County Section of the Ohio Communist Party at Dayton, Ohio, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that the transfer had been accomplished in the following manner:

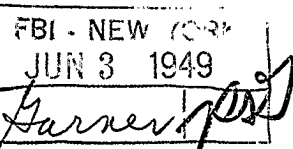
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GREEN had furnished the serial number from a \$1.00 bill in his possession to a leader of the Montgomery County Section. This leader had then informed the Communist Party at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of this serial number, so that when GREEN arrived in Philadelphia and produced the dollar bill with the identical number, the Communist Party there would know that he was the individual to be transferred from Dayton, Ohio. In this manner the use of transfer cards formerly used for such purposes has been eliminated, and it is also possible to carry on correspondence regarding the transfer of membership without naming the individual transferee.

cc: Cleveland (4)
New York (4)
Philadelphia (4)
Cincinnati file 100-7964 (MEMBERSHIP)
" " 100-8664 (ALVIN GREEN)

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United States Department of Justice
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MEMO

June 15, 1949

RE: C.P., U.S.A.
DISTRICT NUMBER 2, New York Division
INTERNAL SECURITY -C

By attached report dated March 7, 1949, [redacted] advised of the Industrial Conference, which was held at Hotel Diplomat, New York City on March 5, 1949. Along with the main speakers, three panel discussions were held on the negro situation, shop, and community work. The need for concentration on the working class was stressed, as to its advantages in aiding the aims of the Communist Party. It was stated that this conference established a method of work, according to the principles of Levin, which is to bring the party policies to the key sections of the working class, to the whole labor movement, and to the democratic forces. The trial of the Communist Party leaders, the jury system, and negro discrimination were bitterly attacked.

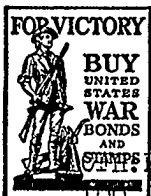
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The Bureau has been advised by letter of this report. Separate memos have been submitted on individuals recognized by the informant, who attended this conference.

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NY 100-31019 (CP, USA - Labor)
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On Saturday, March 5, 1949, I attended an Industrial Conference, by the State C.P. at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City.

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The admission was by special credential only. I arrived at the hotel about 10:00 AM and went to the main ballroom. As we stepped off the elevator, we were stopped and asked for our credentials. We were instructed to write what panel we would like to sit in on; whether shop, community, or Negro. I wrote community on my credential and handed it in, and in turn I received a blue card with "Community Panel" typed on it. I walked into the ballroom and noticed a literature table. I looked over the table and purchased the following literature: Theory and Practice of the C.P. First Course, The Save the Country Racket, by John Spivak, The Soviet White Paper on the North Atlantic Pact, and Study Course on the C.P., The Working Class and Industrial Concentration issued by the National Education Department of the C.P.

I then walked around and noticed Bob Appel the Bronx County Organization Secretary. The people were coming in very slowly but by tenthirty the meeting was called to order. I selected a seat in the balcony and by this time the ballroom was well filled. The Chairman who was selected was a tall negro by the name of Stretch Johnson, State Educational Director. The following agenda was read, opening remarks from 10:30 to 11:15 AM by the State Secretary, Bill Norman. Then we were to break into panels to discuss the report, followed by a lunch period from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, then a continued discussion on the report and club activities and their program for industrial concentration. This was to be followed by a summary by the panel chairman and then a few remarks by Henry Winston, and then the closing by Bob Thompson.

After the motion to accept Stretch Johnson introduced Bill Norman the State Secretary, who outlined the coming industrial concentration campaign. Some of his remarks are as follows: the responsibility of the working class is the main responsibility of the C.P. Every shop, every industry becomes a fortress in this industrial concentration. The shops and the community have a responsibility of building the C.P.

The Soviet Union and the Eastern Democracies forged ahead only by uniting the working class, that is what we are proposing in this industrial concentration. If we succeed in uniting all working people, in all industries, whether they be in the shops, barns, food, longshore, sugar, tobacco, transport, leather, ILGU, etc. only then can we forge ahead. We must try to solve their every day problems, try to settle their grievances no matter how slight, and aid them in anyway possible, only then can we gain their good confidence, and later on to bring in our press to help solve their problems. We can make a good start to achieve our final goal of Socialism.

In connection with this concentration, the question arises if this job is for only a special corp of the C.P. or for the whole membership to partake in. When this program was planned, it was stressed that the whole membership must join in uniting every working man and woman, in shop and community, because it was a great step forward and it would be an impossibility to succeed with so little forces. The main program in each industry, shop, club is as follows: they must undertake to win the major section of the shop into reading the press. An example was in the huge Ford plant at Detroit, where 2,500 subs were obtained by a group of C.P. members.

All C.P. members must gain leadership in his shop so he is known, that is he must fight for wages, grievances, shorter hours etc. Once he gains the confidence of his fellow workers by his leadership, he can bring in the press and discuss their problems, then they can be recruited into the Party and join the ranks of workers into one large concentration of which we are the vanguard of the working people.

There are more than 3,000 workers in basic industries in New York, in decisive shops and industries and only by constant concentration can we build a mass party; first concentration, then mass party.

The United States is pursuing a policy of aggression and world domination and that is why the recent statements of the French C.P. leader, Maurice Thorez and the Italian leader Palmiro Togliatti voiced a very strong statement to the people of their respective countries. We will not be on a defensive in a Policy of Peace. The American Bourgeois will lose the world if they start it. The traitors are the Vandenberges and the Connollys and others who try to disrepute the C.P. policy of peace, it is the kiss of death for them.

If the Cold War continues it will eventually turn into a hot war, hence the need for this industrial concentration and also to spread the statement of our leaders to all people.

The following aspects of a successful concentration are as follows:

1. The need around the Economic struggle.
2. The repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law.
3. Militant rank and file campaign.
4. Need for building the A.L.P. and a trade division of the A.L.P.
5. Indictments of 12 must be made clear to everyone and we must fight against any movement to outlaw the C.P. About thirteen states already have passed laws to either outlaw, bar from civil service etc. every Communist in their states. We must demonstrate against all such action, in relation to this we are all urged to attend a mass demonstration this Monday, March 7, at Foley Square in protest against the indictments, and the rigged jury system.

6. Building a Negro peoples and liberation movement. Their economic crises gives the progressives (C.P.) a more responsible task in this fight. White chauvinism is the main weapon of the bourgeois class, to split the working class Negro rights in the trade unions. In connection with this the C.P. is staging a rally next Thursday in Madison Square against the Jim Crow in Stuyvesant Town. In the meantime we must write to Mayor O'Dwyer and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company against this discrimination.

The Negro is the first to feel the layoff in the shops; the unions have not advanced far enough to fight for the keeping them on the job, in waiving seniority rights, etc.

He is always subject to the lowest paid jobs and most always given the lowest jobs.

The last point is the May Day parade, This year we must mobilize all working peoples, in mass organization, in our shops, community, unions, etc. and try to make this demonstration a show of strength, solidarity and unity among the working class.

Following Bill Norman's report, we broke into panels. The community panel met in the main ballroom, the shop panel in another room, and the Negro panel in another room.

The community panel chairman was Hal Simon, who gave an outline of the concentration in the community. The major task is to give aid to shop workers, help build shop branches; this can be done by picking a special concentration and constantly working with them, distribute leaflets, talking over their problems, selling the Daily Worker, and later recruiting them into the Party.

This is an important step and we must start an understanding program, first of our entire membership and then in the concentration area.

We must have a class in industrial concentration and a regular discussion of problems of working people in that concentration in the community and clubs. We must also see that those people who work in G.E., steel, transport, U.E., food, etc. are educated to a better understanding of their own problem.

Other key plans must be worked out but are of a secondary concentration.

We must examine the contribution in our concentration area of the Negro who will play an important role in this work.

We must concentrate on mass organizations and get all these people to join our ranks.

We must fight for passage of the Vito Marcantonio bill #259, to defeat the Taft-Hartley bill and also to work out a plan to move other comrades into industrial concentration.

Hal pointed out the fight in Syracuse against G.E., how the outsiders worked with the insiders and distributes leaflets, papers, etc. and succeeded in winning over their confidence.

The clubs must lead with leaflets and other forms of propaganda if the state is going to back it up with a more stronger leaflet on the issue.

The Daily press in the very near future will feature a single page to each industry, such as, transport, steel, ILGU, maritime, long-shore, etc. and place their problems and a solution to these problems so they can be discussed in the clubs, shops, and community.

The shop branches shall conduct regular social activity for its members, to interest them in every way possible so as to keep them interested in this concentration.

If there is no shop branch, then the community must establish and independent one and keep in constant contact with these people by means of a leaflet, the press, and by personal contact.

The role of the working class is to join the progressive organization and do all in their power to build this organization, the A.L.P. into a party of the working people.

Branches in different parts of the city can chose their own concentration, on the West side they can concentrate on the longshoreman, in Yonkers the textile shop, in Manhattan clothing, etc.

A concentration of other organizations such as rents and housing, tenants groups etc. can also be established in our community.

An example, in Harlem of a special concentration of 1,500 Negro transport workers forming into a club.

The community can educate and organize these workers into their immediate needs and problems.

At present there is the U.P.W., who are trying to organize the Negro workers in the hospitals. The Harlem community can support the Harlem trade union council.

Hal pointed out that in Stuyvesant Town because of discrimination and Jim Crow, it has thrown many people together with the same problems, who formed groups and now they are all fighting together.

Industrial concentration is a method of work for all Party members.

Hal finished his outline of community work and said that a discussion period from 11:30 to 12:30 would take place, after which we would adjoin for lunch.

Hal asked for a show of hand of people who would like the floor to speak and then he asked others to write their name on a piece of paper and send it forward; they would be called later.

The following people spoke: a member of the professional section of the C.P. who claimed that no mention of the professional was spoken about today, and claimed that in Brooklyn, where he came from, there were many professional people, doctors, dentists, lawyers, scientists, etc. who can make a large contribution to industrial concentration, for example a doctor can help fight for a national health plan, a lawyer can render a service, etc. He would like to see the professional get more recognition.

It was announced at this time that we would adjoin for lunch, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM and upon returning we were to assemble in the main ballroom again to continue our discussion.

I left and on the way out I spoke to Sophie, the Tremont Section organizer, Florence Schreiber, and Cy Feinberg of the Bryant Club. He was attending the literature table.

I also noticed on my out, Carl Mann, a former J.W.U. organizer, in the B.M.T. car shops in Canarsie, but recently expelled from this job, during the shake-up of Commies in the T.W.U.

On my way back from lunch on entering the hotel I also saw Douglas McMahon the former International Section Treasurer of the T.W.U., he was going out of the hotel. He is also out of the T.W.U.

I went up to the main ballroom and in a short time the meeting was called to order by Hal Simon, who presented Bob Appel, the Bronx county organizational secretary, he was appointed chairman of the afternoon session.

He called on the people who sent their names up, and these people were from all parts of New York City, upstate New York, Bronx, Queens, lower East and West side Manhattan, from Buffalo, and Syracuse. These people spoke on the activities in their clubs, sections, and communities,

and former concentration work among the G.E. workers in Syracuse, selling the Daily, solving the shop problems, joining the picket lines, getting recruits for the Party, and gaining many sympathizers in the fight to free the 12 now on trial in Foley Square.

In the Bronx, the Party branch near the 207th Street Ind. shops, a young girl told of selling the Daily every day until they received a favorable response. It was a tough job at first because they were jeered and treated almost roughly, but they were determined to expose the recent Quill sellout, and how the T.W.U. is very weak at present. They kept their daily vigil and finally succeeded in getting a favorable response. With a few C.P. friends on the inside and a few more sympathizers on the outside, some of the workers stopped to talk and ask questions.

A speaker from Astoria spoke on the Calvary Cemetary strike and the strike breaking tactics of Cardinal Spellman. The C.P. branch in the locality helped the strikers by bringing them coffee and marching on the picket line and urging the strikers to continue their strike. The C.P. of this section also urged the A.L.P. in that district to cooperate with, and help the strikers.

A young Negro girl from Buffalo spoke on the activities in her branch, and also criticized the panel, for not mentioning the youth of the C.P. She urged all to appreciate the youth, because it depends on what we plan today, to take effect tomorrow, and not to concentrate on the youth will spell disaster for our Party. There are many activities for the youth, drawing up leaflets, distributing them, picketing, action in the shops and factories. A very good example was in the recent war, when the United States depended mainly on youth, in the armed forces, in defense plants, so we in the C.P. must depend on the youth to carry the banner of victory to Socialism.

The time was drawing close to a final sum up so Hal Simon took over and drew the following conclusions from the nineteen speakers:

1. He complimented the utmost sincerity and enthusiasm of the nineteen speakers.
2. The joining together of the Negro and White in this one common fight to unite all the working people to achieve the goal of the C.P. Socialism.
3. The new experiences in disposing of the press, literature, which is the main weapon in the Industrial Concentration.
4. The role of A.L.P. can and must play in this Industrial Concentration.

There were also speakers from Stuyvesant Town and leathertown who condemned the policy of discriminating against the Negro as a tenant. A committee in Stuyvesant Town was formed to fight this anti-racial act and it was also distributing the Daily, leaflets, and other means of propoganda to fight the Metropolitan Life.

A demonstration against this Jim Crow in Stuyvesant Town was to take place in Madison Square this Thursday, March 10, at 4:30 PM and a large turnout is expected.

This demonstration is called by the C.P. and it urges letters, telegrams to Mayor O'Dwyer, the Metropolitan Life, Councilman Walter S. Hart to act on Councilman Ben Davis' resolution to end Jim Crow in Stuyvesant Town.

The General Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM and the first speaker was Henry Winston, who made the following remarks: That this Industrial Concentration was opened with an excellent keynote by Bill Norman and that this Industrial Concentration is not a task but a transformation into a Party of Bolshevism and need of the working class. That we must fight on the economic, ideological, and political front to achieve Socialism, and only those educated in Marxism-Leninism can lead these people, and also with the proper leadership we can win the masses of the people to Socialism in this country.

We must fight the fascist dangers, loyalty purges in federal government, state, county civil service, also the bills to outlaw the C.P. We must uncover the basic danger for academic freedom in the schools of higher education and in the call of the N.A.M. to ban the C.P. We must fight legislation on a state and national scale against wire tapping in our homes, etc. and we must fight in the judiciary against the indictments of the 12 leaders of our Party. On Monday at 10:30 AM they will be in the dock at Foley Square and it is our duty to see that they are set free. The political situation in the United States today is the same as in Germany in 1932.

The unity of the United States and the U.S.S.R. is the beacon light of the forces fighting for peace. The new democracies are fighting for peace; China, Bulgaria, etc. Winston said that there are more than 25,000 C.P. members in New York and urged us all to go into our organizations whether, civic, church, fraternal, industrial, and speak and fight for our principals. The fight cannot be won in the courtroom, but it must be won outside; the future of America depends on the outcome of the trial. We must leave not stone unturned to reach every New Yorker and show them that this trial is not a fair one and it must be quashed.

At 12:00 noon on Monday a mass demonstration is going to be held at Foley Square under the sponsorship of the C.R.C. and also a daily picket line. Each day the picket line will be represented by different counties; they will be notified as to what day to picket.

In conclusion he urged all to organize civil rights committees in shops, clubs, etc., distribute leaflets, hold protest demonstrations, promote delegations to congressmen and for legislation against anti-Communist bills and also to protest the arrest of the 6 negroes in New Jersey.

The next report was by the chairmen of the different panels. The shop panel reported that the shop club was the most important in this campaign for Industrial Concentration and in connection a rally was going to be held on Wednesday, March 9, on Germany invades Wall Street, at the Hotel Diplomat. The Next report was on Negro Concentration in three important phases.

1. The struggle for the economic rights of the Negro. In Chicago unemployment 71%, in Harlem the same problem is facing most of the people living there, they are the first people to feel the effects of unemployment.

2. The struggle of the Negro and civil rights must be carried out. For example the case of Mrs. Ingrahm in the South, the case of the 6 in Trenton, the central areal of struggle is a campaign of letters, telegrams against the filibuster, police brutality, a substitute of the old fashion lynching.

3. The whole struggle in the imperialist corp against White Chauvinism. A good example is of the situation in leathertown in Long Island, where people moving in sign a lease containing a clause against Negroes living there. We must smash the Jim Crow wall in Stuyvesant Town, repeal the Taft-Hartley law, restore the Wagner Act, with no amendments.

Slogans around the first balcony read as follows: Build the Daily Worker, Build the C.P., for the 30 hour week, for wage raises not wage freezes.

The panel on community was presented by Hal Simon.

The next speaker was Bob Thompson. He as well as Henry Winston received a welcome, with hand clapping, whistling, and everyone arose to greet them in this manner for a good five minute ovation.

Bob made the following remarks: The main point about this conference, it established a method of work according to Lenin, to bring the Party's Policies to the key sections of the working class, to the whole labor movement and to the democratic forces. This teamwork in the Party will help the professional section, the social welfare program-- for the unemployed, for Negro rights, against discrimination and for the Negro question.

The Party Ideology on the Negro Question, will have its effects on the coming re-election of Councilman Ben Davis, who we must fight to re-
elect.

Bob mentioned the recent remarks of Dennis and Foster and they prove that the C.P. has made a break historically with opportunism and Browderism, it will also help to give a broader statement to the peace movement. There were certain Party sympathizers who objected to the statement but the reason given to these people was that you cannot fight or appease these reactionaries but must meet them halfway by their own methods and also to strip the mask of demagogy from Truman.

Bob also said that the C.P. fights for peace and Soviet Union, American Unity.

He also spoke of the trials and was almost sure that the outcome would not be favorable to him, but still he urged us to go out and fight, to let people know that they were not getting a fair trial, due to the rotten jury system.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - APRIL 1st THROUGH JUNE 30, 1949

Membership of District #2 set at 25,000 as of 1/1/49. \$50,000.00 donated by District #2 for defense of CP leaders during one month period. 1949 quota of \$12,000.00 in financial aid to South from District #2 filled. Security measures have been invoked by Communist front organizations such as Jefferson School of Social Science in NYC. Use of confidential mailing addresses continues. Three top ranking Bronx County CP officials removed for white chauvinism and failure to fight for Negro rights. North Atlantic Pact attacked by District #2 as instrument of Wall Street and threat to world peace. Several NYC Communists were guests of CP of Puerto Rico in May, 1949. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, JR., Democratic-Liberal candidate, decisive victor for Congress in 20th Congressional District, Manhattan, defeating, among others, Dr. ANNETTE RUEENSTEIN, ALP nominee who had CP endorsement. Communist City Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS has announced his candidacy for re-election and has received ALP approval. Passage of Feinberg "School Witch-Hunt" Bill by New York State legislature and consideration therein of McMullen "Loyalty" Bill bitterly condemned by District #2. Tax program of New York State sharply criticized by District #2 as completely inadequate and continuation of "soak the poor" policy. District #2 active in implementing industrial concentration program throughout greater NYC area. Large contingent of CP veterans marched in May Day parade. American Veterans Committee group at CCNY promoted strike among CCNY students to protest failure of College authorities to suspend two

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SYNOPSIS:

professors for alleged anti-Semitism. Efforts being made to integrate Negro comrades into Party leadership more than in past. Communist women in District #2 busy organizing opposition to North Atlantic Pact and arousing adverse publicity toward trial. District #2 continues efforts to build Party among cultural workers and various nationality groups. Catholic and Protestant Churches subjected to steady Communist barrage of criticism for fostering war hysteria and accelerating war drive. Campaign launched by District #2 to widely sell WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S most recent book, "The Twilight of World Capitalism". Numerous training schools planned by District #2 Education Department for Summer of 1949.

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Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, made available a copy of a letter dated June 8, 1949 from JACK KLING, National Communist Party Membership Director, to WILLIAM NORMAN, New York State Communist Party Secretary, and MAY FORBES MILLER, New York State Communist Party Assistant Secretary, bringing to their attention a number of problems relating to dues and party recruiting.

In this letter KLING set the figure of 25,000 as the basic membership of the Communist Party for New York State, as of January 1, 1949.

It should be noted that Confidential Informant T-1 previously reported that as of October 1, 1948, the membership of the New York State Communist Party was 28,480.

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Report dated May 23, 1949, from Major GEORGE E. CILLEY, Chief Operations Division, Headquarters, 1st Army, Governors Island, New York.

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who furnished the information to SA JAMES J. McCARTHY and requested that his identity not be disclosed.

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Reports of Operative #41 [REDACTED]

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New York City, who furnished the information to SA JOHN E. KEARY.

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T-28 Secret Domestic Intelligence Report #40, for April 16-30, 1949, from Headquarters, First Army, G-2, Governors Island, New York.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - APRIL 1st THROUGH JUNE 30, 1949

National Committee on Philosophy, with BETTY GANNETT as Secretary, now in existence. National membership of CP, USA believed to approximate 63,000 currently. Communist Committee to Defend the Twelve reported that for period 7/20/48 to 7/1/49 income totalled \$149,023.00 while expenses amounted to \$169,772.00, leaving deficit of \$20,749.00. National Press Fund Drive realized \$197,896.00 as of 5/13/49 out of quota of \$225,250.00. National Committee, CP, USA, reported to have ordered check of personal history, activities, etc., of every Party member and to have instructed all State organizations to establish special investigative committees to carry out instructions. Confidential mailing addresses utilized by CP, USA set forth. Trio of Bronx CP officials disciplined by their temporary removal on charges of white chauvinism. BELLA V. DODD, former National CP Committee member, expelled for anti-Party, anti-leadership and factionalist activities. CP, USA continues its bitter opposition to North Atlantic Pact as another step in direction of American Fascism and World War III. Pact assailed as aimed primarily at USSR. CP, USA hailed liberation of Nanking as tribute to CP of China. JUAN SAEZ CORALES, General Secretary of Union General De Trabajadores of Puerto Rico and known Communist, was guest of left-wing Trade Union leaders in U.S. in June, 1949. President TRUMAN'S plan to aid undeveloped areas of world attacked by CP, USA. Dr. ANNETTE RUBENSTEIN, ALP nominee

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for Congress backed by CP for vacancy in 20th Congressional District, Manhattan, decisively defeated by FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, JR., Democratic-Liberal candidate, in special election. Repeal of Taft-Hartley law and restoration of Wagner Act, defeat of Mundt-Nixon and Ferguson Bills, enactment of FEPC, and halt to rent increases continued to be demanded by CP, USA. CP, USA favors additional wage increase. Struggle against white chauvinism and for Negro rights intensified by CP, USA. Organizing Committee for Labor Youth League, launched in Chicago in late May, 1949, enthusiastically endorsed by CP, USA. Militant participation of Negro women in all aspects of struggle for peace; civil rights, and economic security noted by CP, USA. Communists portrayed as farmers' friend and loyal Americans. Jewish Music Verband Theatre Alliance active in creating and popularizing progressive Jewish music in U.S. Spread of Titoism in U.S. noted by Slavic language press in U.S. Current Clerical-Fascist policies of Vatican and American Catholic hierarchy denounced by CP, USA. New leaflet service involving photographically reproduced stencils being offered by CP, USA to districts, sections and clubs. National Committee, CP, USA, has requested that districts organize more schools on club and section levels.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-3.

Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, 5/17/49.

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MEMBERSHIP

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It should be noted that the latest available figure on membership of the Communist Party, USA, made available by Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, was 63,009, as of October 1, 1948.

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